

SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2016
6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Browne
Dr. Stephen Wiseman, DVM
Marianne King
Gayle Hair
Heather Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryan Wilson
John McGrath

OTHERS: Bob Hunter, Animal Services Manager
David Shields, Assistant County Attorney
Denise Sims, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held September 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 100 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

Stephen Browne called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk. A quorum was met.

III. Minutes: June 9, 2016.

Stephen Browne called for review of the minutes. Marianne King mentioned that there was a discussion at the prior meeting to move the start time of the meeting to 6:00pm or 6:30pm, not just 6:00pm. Heather Smith motioned to accept the minutes, Dr Stephen Wiseman 2nd the motion. June 9, 2016 minutes were accepted.

IV. Public Commentary.

Stephen Browne announced that the Board would take public commentary and called for the first speaker.

Jessica Bowling, 2845 Charmont Dr, Apopka, Fl. 32703. Ms Bowling addressed the Board with concerns about 3 Pitbulls that reside next door to her, (2849 Charmont Dr, Apopka, Fl. 32703). Ms. Bowling spoke to the Board about her concerns with the aggressive nature of the dogs, and that she felt nothing was being done to address the issue, often claiming that Seminole County Animal Services (SCAS) Officers did not respond to calls she placed. Ms. Bowling wants the dogs removed from the neighbor's property. The Board directed questions to Carole Coleman, Field Supervisor for Seminole County Animal Services. Ms. Coleman provided a list of calls that Officers had responded to, with the outcome of each call. Ms. Bowling continued to express her concern about the animals being aggressive, and at times being stray off their property. Marianne King asked for clarification about declaring a dog dangerous. It was explained to the Board the conditions to declare a dog dangerous.

Stephen Browne addressed Ms. Bowling's concerns, with a reminder that the Animal Control Board cannot set County Codes; they are just an advisory Board to the County Commissioners.

Ms Bowling asked for clarification on number of dogs allowed on the property. It was explained that was a city code issue and she would need to contact the city of residency to enforce that.

Bob Hunter offered to have SCAS Officers do sit & listens, (Officer would sit within a certain radius of the house and listen for sustained, unprovoked barking), and explained that citations cannot be issued for recordings of barking.

It was recommended by David Shields, Assistant County Attorney, that Ms. Bowling seek her own independent legal counsel and continue with civil action against her neighbors for any damage that is incurred to her property, and possibly address Commissioners to have ordinances changes.

Steve Browne brought discussion to an end at 6:43pm.

No other speakers were present, Stephen Browne closed public commentary.

V. Old Business.

A. Ordinance Revisions and Dangerous Dog legislation.

- Bob Hunter stated that recent changes to the County's Ordinance, to include additions for chickens and greyhounds, have interrupted

the process for presenting the prior Ordinance changes to the Seminole County Board of Commissioners.

- Bob Hunter discussed permits for Seminole County residence to own chickens. He clarified that this is for citizens in unincorporated Seminole County, and referred questions to the Planning Department.
- Bob Hunter also spoke to the Board in reference to the Dangerous Dog legislation, and explained that the changes to the County Ordinance had not yet been updated to match the Florida State Statute because of his earlier comment involving recent additions. Marianne King asked for clarification on Dangerous Dog requirements, Bob Hunter explained the Dangerous Dog appeal hearing, and also explained propensity letters.
- Steve Browne recommended reading “The Purpose of the Board” at the start of each meeting, to help clarify for citizens the purpose of the Board at the meetings.

B. Rabies Clinic (June 25, 2016)

- Bob Hunter spoke to the Board about the Rabies Clinic held at the shelter, which provided 154 rabies vaccines, and 34 microchips. 34 Seminole County residents that had received written warnings for Tags came to the Clinic, and obtain rabies vaccine and tag for their pets. He also explained that the County is currently trying to enter into an inter-local agreement with the City of Sanford, to be more active with Rabies Clinics and City sponsored activities within that municipality.

C. 2016 Hot Summer Shelter Challenge

- Bob Hunter provided a press release giving that stats and percentages for the Challenge that ran June through August, and involved both Orange County and Osceola County.

D. Adopt-a-Pet Grants

- Bob Hunter spoke about the \$1000.00 Adopt-a-Pet grant that the shelter had been awarded, which was used to assist in the adoption of 23 out of 25 long term cats at the shelter, (2 of the 25 cats were humanely euthanized due to severe illness, or injury). He informed the Board that Seminole County Animal Services did not receive the Flea & Tick grant.

VI. New Business

A. Introduction of New Board Member.

- The Board was reintroduced to Gayle Hair, who took over for Michelle Quick after she resigned in July. Ms. Hair will complete Ms. Quick's remaining term through the end of December 2016.

B. Dangerous Dog web site changes.

- Bob Hunter explained the changes to the Dangerous Dog web page. The Dangerous Dog named "Ten" was removed after the County was informed that he had passed away.

C. Animal Services Initiatives (Bob Hunter).

- 5-5-5, Any animal that is 5yrs or older, has lived at the shelter for more than 5 months, has an adoption fee of \$5.00.
- Event at Pet Paradise with Central Florida Pug Rescue. Seminole County Animal Services adopted out 3 Kittens.
- Seminole County Animal Services signed a contract with Pet Smart Partnership, and will be attending an adoption event in September. The contract is currently under review to allow Pet Smart to act as an agent for Seminole County Animal Services and adopt out shelter animals that will be housed at the store.
- Maestro Subaru has chosen TEARS as their hometown charity again this year.
- Board was informed of upcoming Volunteer Orientation, and also about Ernie's Walk that is sponsored by TEARS.

D. Future Agenda Items

- No future agenda items were discussed

VII. Reports.

A. Kennel Statistics (Intakes & Outcomes), revised dates on 2nd page.

- Stephen Browne discussed the possibility that the numbers for the kennel stats were incorrect, and requested to revisit at next meeting.

B. Pet Data, Inc. Statistics - County Tag/License Purchases.

C. Cisco Phone Statistics

VIII Confirmation of Next Meeting(s).

Meeting date for December 8, 2016 was confirmed; no scheduling conflicts at this time.

IX. Adjournment.

Marianne King motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dr Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board

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