

Cleveland Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2022

Opening:

The meeting of the Cleveland Animal Shelter Advisory Board was called to order at 1:06 PM on October 5, 2022 in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building by Dr. Sally Poston.

Present: Dr. Sally Poston; Pat Ownby; Cindy Dees

Absent: Tom Cassada

A. Approval of Minutes

Cindy Dees motioned to approve the minutes as written. Pat Ownby seconded. All approved.

B. Director's Report

- 1) Director Smith reported that everyone was given a packet with reports of what was done at Animal Control in the last few months along with a percentages report. The euthanasia rate stays around ten percent and that is pretty much the goal. Someone did ask why there were still County calls showing on the reports and he explained that is where Officers had to go into the County to deliver pets that had been adopted or was getting a Rabies vaccination.
- 2) Jodie Westwood asked for her rescue group to be removed from the Animal Control rescue program mainly due to liability issues.
- 3) Dr. Lane has resigned from the Shelter Board. Dr. Poston said when she spoke to him that day that he did not tell her that he had resigned that he had a doctor's appointment in Chattanooga. She thought that if he had resigned he would have said he was not doing it anymore. Director Smith said that he did resign because they called him and he said he did not want back on it. You have to be appointed for three years and he did not want to be reappointed, so he was not put back on it. Mr. Smith said he spoke with him and he told him that he did not have the time. It wasn't that he didn't want to do it, he just did not have the time. Dr. Poston asked if he needed her to find someone else. Mr. Smith said if she could. Shelter Office Coordinator Jennifer Rogers said she thought they were wanting another Veterinarian. Mr. Smith said they were. Dr. Poston said the veterinarians like to keep some on the Board just so they have a clue about what's happening. Mr. Smith said that he had put in a letter to dissolve the Board since a lot of things were not happening anymore. Dr. Poston asked if a meeting could be called if necessary. Ms. Rogers said yes, that could be done and that was what Mr. Smith was wanting to do. Dr. Poston said why doesn't the Board get approved to do that then or make it twice a year or something instead of four times a year. Dr. Poston said she proposed the meetings either be called as they are needed or mandatory once a year or twice a year, but reduce the number. Mr. Smith said what it was really started from was when Animal Control was City and County and they both had to have their input. Now, people mostly just call or come by and speak to him if there is an issue, like the new ordinance enacted for fowl that is working well as of now. However, a special meeting could be called for something like that. Dr. Poston asked if the meeting could be changed and there wasn't any City law or something that says they have to meet quarterly. Mr. Smith said he did not think so. He said he would speak with City Manager Joe Fivas and the Captain and go from there just to make sure. He said it may have to be voted on through the Council or something, but he will tell Mr. Fivas that everyone agreed to it. He said most people now if they need something they are not waiting until a meeting, they will call him or come by his office. If something did come

up and it was needed, a special meeting will be called. He said he thought the main thing the Board was meant for was recommendations.

- 4) Tyler Hall was hired. He came back from Codes when Macy quit and John retired. He has completed his euthanasia training and also his NACA 1 and 2. Also, David Piersaul was hired and he has received his euthanasia training and his twelve week officer training. He has been there one year this month and is a good Officer. He is still waiting on his NACA training. Dr. Poston asked if someone lived in the City and they had a pet that they wanted to euthanize if they could bring it to Animal Control to have it done for free. Mr. Smith said yes.
- 5) Director Smith asked for a vote from the Board for having a Shelter Board meeting every six months. Pat Ownby made the motion that the Shelter Board meet every six months. Cindy Dees seconded the motion. All approved.

C. Old Business

D. New Business

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM by Pat Ownby. The next general meeting will be at 1:00 PM on April 5, 2023 in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building.

Minutes submitted by:

Jennifer Rogers