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On July 27, 2016, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the Council meeting room to discuss the agenda, in the City Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Andrea Slater Gulley	Yes	17	17
Kellie Dodson DVM	Yes	04	04
William Kearns	Yes	06	06
Dale Potter	Yes	07	07
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	01	01

Also in attendance were:

- Richard Havens Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
- Christy Fischer Asst. Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
- Jeffna Cox Administrative Tech
- Elisa Yara Office Manager, Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo
- Jena McFall Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
- Robin Cupell Asst. Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society

ITEM 1: Andrea Slater Gulley called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 6:00 P.M. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, May 4, 2016, was made by Dale Potter and second by William Kearns. The motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 2: Jena McFall presented the Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society statistics. June reflected 61% leaving facility alive is going out of state to rescue. 211 animals were adopted and 337 left to rescue. Of the 211 adoptions: 56 kittens, 20 cats, 44 puppies, 82 dogs, 2 adoption options, 2 birds, 1 ferret, 1 goat, 1 hedgehog, and 2 rabbits. Of the 337 to rescue organization: 46 kittens, 35 cats, 138 puppies and 118 dogs with a total of 548 animals leaving the shelter alive. APHS has hired a new Rescue Coordinator, Tiffany. Clear the Shelter Event in July (47 adoptions and 26 rescues left that day). APHS received a \$60,000 grant from PetCo. Currently, APHS is targeting dogs and cats in the 79107 zip code to spay/neuter. Currently 55 spay/neuter contracts have been written. Jena and Richard Havens attended the Best Friends Conference in Utah. The conference was very motivating with information on TNR. They were able to bring back training modules to use as continuing education for staff members. The APHS is about to have a trailer installed at the back of the property at the shelter to be able to perform their own spay and neuter. They will hire a part time Vet to perform the surgeries and eventually will be able to offer affordable spay/neuter to rescues. APHS submitted a new Standard Operating Procedures to the rescue groups to enable them to properly develop and progress along with state regulations/guidelines.

ITEM 3: Richard Havens, Director of AM&W reported on Animal Management & Welfare Operations. Richard Havens gave an update on the Trap-Neuter-Release Ordinance progression. On June 16, 2016 the Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society approved the TNR ordinance. On July 12th the Bi-City County Board was presented the TNR ordinance. Five public meetings will be held at public libraries to give the public the opportunity to give their feedback. All the meeting times will be held at all the city's libraries. All the times will be posted on The AM&W website. May stats for the shelter were total intake of 1094 animals, down 5.6% from May 2015 (380 stray dogs, 415 stray cats, 236 Owner Surrenders, 63 bite cases, 129 reclaims and 650 animals left through the efforts of the APHS which is 9.6% higher than May 2015; 274 animals were euthanized which is 21.7% down from May 2015; May EU rate was 25.05% which resulted in a 74.95% live release rate for May 2016). All year to date stats are available on the AM&W website. The Shelter is wrapping up chain link repairs and resurfacing is continuing until August according to plan. New cat room is approaching its grand opening. Watch out for the media release. Next Advisory Board meeting will be October 26th with a work session at 5:00 p.m. with regular session at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 4: Bob Cowell, Deputy City Manager presented on Wise Investments for Amarillo's Future. A quick presentation on what has been on going the last several months within the City Council and the new budget year. The City Council is currently reviewing what the community and the city's infra structure needs are. The media reported that the \$1 billion dollar list identified the needs and items that the community wanted. The community engagement process involved website updates, social media, town hall meetings and surveys for folks to participate and give feedback to the City Council members. In previous years when the City had major improvements to be completed it would be from surplus funds at the year end. That method is no longer a feasible means to complete major

changes/improvements. Currently AM&W has 6 projects that need to be implemented. AM&W needs funds to complete/develop a medical treatment building for its animal population, a drive thru barn, employee building to enable onsite training and accommodate the department's personnel, and dog runs for shelter animals to receive physical exercise and interaction with the public. The job of the City Council will be to recommend the projects the City can accomplish through tax increases.

ITEM 5: Andrea Slater Gulley will propose future Agenda items. Trapping standards will be addressed in the October 26th Advisory Board meeting. Contact Richard Havens to add any item to the Agenda for discussion.

Item 6: Public Forum:

Melody Malouf, P. O. Box 50236, wants to recognize the behind the scene financial contributors that help APHS succeed. She would like to see an internal process to review the SOP and process of the APHS.

Sara Cervantes, 5207 Echo Drive, 79108, would like to applaud everyone that is helping in getting animals out of the shelter. She feels that we are headed in the right direction to encourage people to foster, rescue, etc. She continues to work with the Hispanic community to bring animal awareness to them and to redirect the Hispanic community into keeping their pets. She congratulated the Humane Society for their hard work.

Joyce McEntrye, would like to bring attention to stopping the sale of pets at the flea market. This would help decrease the animal shelter population.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Secretary Office.



Andrea Slater Gulley, Chair Person

ATTEST:



Elisa Yara, Office Manager,
Animal Management & Welfare Dept.