

MINUTES

On March 31, 2021, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:10 p.m. via Zoom to discuss the agenda.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Stacy Grant	Yes	07	05
Charlie Sanchez	Yes	06	05
Eddie Sauer	No	06	05
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	19	19

Also, in attendance were:

Victoria Medley	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kris Schaffer	Asst. Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Courtney White	Asst. City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Laura Storrs	Assistant City Manager, City of Amarillo
Elisa Yara	Admin Operations Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Alexis Scroggins	Admin Tech, AMW, City of Amarillo

ITEM 1: Public Comment: None

Chris Wrampelmeier, Chair, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:10 P.M.

ITEM 2: Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Charlie Sanchez nominated Chris Wrampelmeier for Chair and Stacy Grant for the Vice Chair. The motion carried: 3:0

ITEM 3: Minutes.

The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, February 10, 2021, was presented. The motion carried 3:0.

ITEM 4: Staff Updates.

- A. Department Staffing. Kris Shaffer was introduced as AM&W Assistant Director. Currently 80% of budgeted position are filled at AM&W, 6 applicants for AMO trainee positions will be offered jobs to start April 15, 2021. Director and Asst. Director are updating job descriptions for adoption specialist team and community outreach positions. The department is also requesting 3 new Animal Care Worker positions in the upcoming budget to cover 16 additional kennels located in the new building.
- B. New Building. The new building will be called AMW Services Building. It will be Animal Health Services (Vet office, surgical suite, surgical prep and recovery space, Vet Asst workstations and recovery/adopted/rescue kennels). Field Operation Services (Radio room for Animal Management Officers, offices for Field Management, fully equipped locker rooms for Animal Management Officers) and AMW Training room for classroom training. The current Vet staff includes, one part time vet, 3 vet assistants and a possible second, part time vet to add to our Vet team. Texas Tech Vet School will also be assisting with spay and neuters.
- C. Activity Report for AMW. Shelter numbers reflecting 2020 vs. 2021. AMW has experienced a 75% decrease in Adoptions due to shortage of adoption team, rescues have increased by 17% due to the efforts of APHS, Euthanasia has decreased by 44%, intake has decreased by 29%. Adjusted Live Release rate is currently 85%.
- D. Breeders Ordinance: Final reading on April 6, 2021.

Item 5: Identify Future Agenda Items. The Advisory Board would like updates on Community Outreach when available, update on Breeders ordinance, Vet Operations, employee spotlight, updates with non-profit relationships, update on Tales for Tails project.

Item 6: Set Schedule for Next Advisory Board Meeting. Next Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting to be held May 26, 2021 at 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

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


Christopher Wrampelmeier, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Elisa Yara, Admin Operations Manager,
Animal Management & Welfare Dept.