



**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Minutes for November 19, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Danhof
Barbara DeGrande
Dr. Geneve Dundas
Roxcie McCuller
Virginia Stinchfield
Michelle Steppe
Jesse Fox
Priscilla Martinez
Jim Cummings
Danielle Tate

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debbie Barclay
Maston Sillin

STAFF

Tammy Roberts, Operations Supervisor
Michelle McClelland, Executive Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Roxcie McCuller, in the Conference Room at Prairie Paws Adoption Center at 7:02 pm with a quorum present.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review August 20, 2015 Minutes

Debra Danhof moved to approve the minutes, Barbara DeGrande seconded.
Motion passed.

B. Shelter Expansion

Jim Cummings updated the committee about the expansion. The master plan is being put together and the architect is reviewing schematics to get closer to the budget. Debra Danhof and Virginia Stinchfield had questions about where the expansions will happen. Jim and Danielle both briefly explained that there will be additions and changes off the back and more kennels east, as well as more dog yards.

C. TNR Presentation (Community Cats)

Jim Cummings spoke about plan to have a TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) resolution for stray and feral cats. Caretakers of these cats would work with an approved sponsor/partner to get the cats vaccinated, sterilized, ear-tipped and returned to the colony. Jim discussed the benefits and conflicts of the program as well as other cities in the DFW metroplex that have a TNR already in place.

Barbara DeGrande stated there is a Facebook group called Grand Prairie Cat Crew about starting a TNR program in Grand Prairie. Some of the members gave out literature at Farmers Market.

Jean Melton stated she has spoken to city council members and the mayor about TNR. She has also been working with some current caretakers and has helped trap and connect them to sponsoring agencies that have sterilized some of their colonies.

Debra Danhof moved to approve presenting the TNR resolution to the Public Health and Safety Committee and City Council. Michelle Steppe seconded. **The committee voted in favor 10-0; Motion passed.**

E. Animal Shelter Manager Monthly Report

Danielle Tate provided the monthly numbers for August, September and October 2015. The total live release rate is around 50% due in part to the number of feral cats and nursing kittens.

H. Public Comments

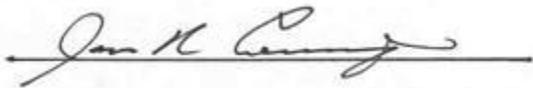
Lisa Slovenz mentioned that she is noticing lately that a few dogs were returned a couple of times. She asked if there was anything in the works to help owners with dog training. Michelle McClelland mentioned the holiday training workshop this Saturday, November 21st.

Danielle Tate introduced the newest member, Jesse Fox. She also showed the shelter's Staying Alive video and mentioned the shelter's weekend special (\$25 dogs/\$10 cats).

III. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Debra Danhof made a motion to adjourn, Michelle Steppe seconded, all members in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

The next regularly-scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the conference room at Prairie Paws Adoption Center.



James R. Cummings,
Environmental Services Director