



**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Minutes for February 18, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Danhof
Barbara DeGrande
Roxcie McCuller
Virginia Stinchfield
Jesse Fox
Maston Sillin
Deborah Barclay
Jim Cummings
Danielle Tate

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Geneve Dundas
Priscilla Martinez
Michelle Steppe

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 7:00 pm with a quorum present.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review November 19, 2015 Minutes

Debra Danhof moved to approve the minutes, Jesse Fox seconded.
Motion passed.

B. Shelter Expansion

Jim Cummings updated the committee about the expansion. As this point, the design is still in the conceptual phase. A Finance & Government meeting is set for March 1st to discuss the budget. As the schedule stands, the project is estimated to be completed in early 2018. A current floor plan was shown to the committee. Another meeting will be held to discuss more detailed items about construction.

C. TNR Update

Jim Cummings spoke about the TNR ordinance that was updated in January 2016 by City Council. The Grand Prairie Cat Crew is working with citizens of Grand Prairie to educate, trap and sterilize & vaccinate feral cats in the community. So far, the Cat Crew has helped sterilize, vaccinate and release 44 feral cats. They

have also started a fundraiser to raise funds for additional sterilizations and traps. If the community would like to help, Barbara DeGrande asked to share the Cat Crew's e-mail address (gpcatcrew@gmail.com).

There are various options for the community to take feral cats to be sterilized and vaccinated. Many are low or no cost. The Spay Neuter Network bus was at Prairie Paws Adoption Center today and did 40 surgeries for \$20 each. They have also offered to bring the bus to a targeted area and offer free sterilizations in the near future. Barbara DeGrande mentioned that any other options and educational opportunities will be listed on the Cat Crew's Facebook page.

E. Animal Shelter Manager Monthly Report

Danielle Tate provided the monthly numbers for November, December 2015 and January 2016. The total live release rate is consistently over 60%.

H. Adoption Specials- Volunteers and Social Media

Danielle Tate provided a handout with a list of Waggin Wagon events. Prairie Paws will be hosting another Paint-n-Party on February 27th. The Waggin Wagon will also be at the Rahr Brewery on the 27th and the North Texas Irish Festival on March 5 & 6.

An Adopt-a-thon was held February 12 & 13. It was Petsmart's National Adoption Weekend and a representative was at the shelter helping with paperwork. Because over 20 pets were adopted (15 dogs & 6 cats), Petsmart will be giving Prairie Paws a \$500 gift.

I. Public Comments

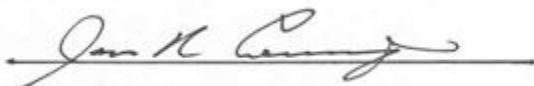
Maston Sillin asked about the Next Door website for specific neighborhoods. Many people post about lost pets. Maston suggested putting out a statement from Grand Prairie Animal Services to educate citizens about finding a lost pet and how the shelter can help. Jim Cummings suggested talking to the Police Department because they have access to Next Door.

Debra Danhof also suggested asking for information about these associations in the Pipeline.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Barbara DeGrande made a motion to adjourn, Debra Danhof seconded, all members in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

The next regularly-scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the conference room at Prairie Paws Adoption Center.



James R. Cummings,
Environmental Services Director