



**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Minutes for May 19, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara DeGrande
Roxcie McCuller
Virginia Stinchfield
Jesse Fox
Deborah Barclay
Dr. Geneve Dundas
Lisa Turner
Jim Cummings
Danielle Tate

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debra Danhof
Maston Sillin
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 7:02 pm with a quorum present.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review February 18, 2016 Minutes

Lisa Turner moved to approve the minutes, Jesse Fox seconded.
Motion passed.

B. Shelter Expansion

Jim Cummings updated the committee on the shelter expansion. The expansion is in the final design stage with the architect. The city will begin the bidding process to choose a construction management company. As the schedule stands, the expansion plan will go to City Council in the fall and construction could start at the end of the year. A tour of the facility will be planned for the next meeting for new members of the committee.

C. Dangerous Dog Ordinance

Jim Cummings spoke about the update to the Dangerous Dog Ordinance. State legislation updated the appeal process for owners to have the right to appeal up to the Texas Supreme Court, as long as they have a bond to cover the cost of maintenance for the dog to be at a shelter or approved quarantine facility. In the past, owners could only appeal a dangerous dog determination to the municipal court. The updated ordinance will go to City Council in July.

D. TNR Webpage

Danielle Tate showed the committee the updated TNR webpage on the City of Grand Prairie's site. The updated page explains the TNR program and has information about the Cat Crew and how citizens can help. It will continue to be updated with more information in the near future.

E. Animal Shelter Manager Monthly Report

Danielle Tate provided the monthly numbers for February, March and April 2016. The total live release rate is consistently over 70%. Intakes are starting to increase because of kitten/puppy season and owner surrenders. The shelter is working toward looking for fosters and will be holding a foster orientation in June.

**F. Adoption Specials- Volunteers and Social Media
Foster Orientation/Open House- June 18th**

Around the Memorial Day holiday, adoptions will be free to service men and women. In June, there will be various adoption specials for Adopt a Shelter Cat month.

There will be a Foster Orientation/Open House on June 18th. Information about the orientation will be available on the shelter website and social media. The shelter is utilizing social media to share educational items and boost posts on information about specials and upcoming events.

G. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Barbara DeGrande made a motion to adjourn, Virginia Stinchfield seconded, all members in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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



James R. Cummings,
Environmental Services Director