



**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Minutes for February 16, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Cummings
Debra Danhof
Barbara DeGrande
Roxcie McCuller
Maston Sillin
Virginia Stinchfield
Karen Tesmer
Dr. Geneve Dundas
Lisa Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Priscilla Martinez
Jesse Fox
Michelle Steppe
Danielle Tate

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 17, 2016 Minutes

Debra Danhof moved to approve the minutes, Lisa Turner seconded. **Motion passed.**

B. Shelter Expansion

Jim Cummings updated the committee about the expansion. The official agenda item for approval will be presented at the March 7, 2017 City Council meeting. ASAC members were encouraged to attend. Construction is scheduled to start after the March 7th meeting. Kim Dowdy, from Quorum Architects, presented the final layout for ASAC members. She discussed phases of the project, as well as

details about color choices, individual rooms and descriptions of items in the new spaces.

C. Animal Shelter Manager Quarterly Report

Jim Cummings provided the monthly numbers for November, December and January 2016/2017. Trends are continuing to go up. RTO is doing very well, with dog return to owners over 100 each month. The cat live release rate is continuing to increase due to TNR, adoptions and rescues. Jim discussed a chart that showed the animals transferred to rescue from 2011 until now. It is continuing to grow, depending on the time of the year.

D. Upcoming Events

Tammy Roberts discussed Waggin Wagon events for the upcoming months. The event coordinator, Angellee Vincent, is now a full-time employee and is scheduling many events. The Wagon will be at the Rahr & Sons Brewery on February 25, 2017.

E. Cat Sponsorship/ Cat Rescue

Barbara Degrande discussed a potential partnership with Prairie Paws to start a cat sponsorship program with rescues. Barbara suggested that the Cat Crew would share at risk cats (possibly injured, sick or young kittens) on their Facebook page and allow people to pledge an amount to help cover the cost of medical expenses. Approved rescues would then pull the animal from the shelter and collect the funds. Jim Cummings mentioned that no funds/pledges would be handled through the City of Grand Prairie. Tammy Roberts provided each attendee with a placement partner application and discussed that any rescue is welcome to apply to be a rescue with the shelter. Animal Services will then go over the application, check references and approve, if applicable. Tammy also mentioned that last year, more cats went to rescues than dogs.

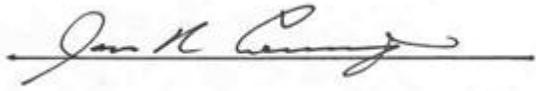
F. Public Comments

Virginia Stinchfield asked about the Homes for Hounds program. Tammy Roberts explained that the program had been postponed due to logistic issues, but it should be starting soon.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Virginia Stinchfield made a motion to adjourn, Geneve Dundas seconded, all members in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next regularly-scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the conference room at Prairie Paws Adoption Center.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James R. Cummings", is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

James R. Cummings,
Environmental Services Director