

DETAIL NOTES FROM ANIMAL ADVISORY MEETING – October 19, 2010

Opening

The October meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Plano Animal Shelter, 4028 West Plano Parkway by Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Chair.

Committee Members Present

Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Jamey Cantrell, Aubrie Wolff, Karen Dubrow and Amanda Earl were present. Pylar Pinkston arrived late and Elizabeth Bodden was absent.

Public Comments

Grady Firmin a member of a Search and Rescue team addressed the committee regarding search and rescue dogs being allowed off lead and the fact that many would like the \$30 license fee for search and rescue dogs that are intact to be reduced.

City Representatives Present

Debbie New, Animal Services.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 27, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Shelter Report

Mr. Cantrell stated that the statistics for July-September 2010 is similar to the same time period in 2009 except the intake numbers are down mainly for the "others" category since the shelter is no longer providing humane live animal traps to the public. The numbers of cats is way up but is partly due to another seizure of approximately 100 cats. Adoptions are also up especially with cats due to promoting adoptions with specials. The euthanasia rate for dogs is down and the overall euthanasia rate is also down. The shelter is trying to eliminate space and treatable medical conditions as reasons for euthanasia as much as possible. With the opening of the expansion, hopefully space as a reason will be eliminated.

Beginning October 1, 2010, the budget reductions became effective. A full time officer position was converted to a part time kennel attendant position. Thirty-eight percent of the operating budget was cut and field hours have been reduced.

The dedication of the expansion will be November 13, 2010. Fundraising and an open house was discussed. The possibility of using solar lights to highlight the public art project was discussed as well as Animal Shelter Appreciation Week.

The donation account, how the public designates donations and how the donation account works versus the general fund and operating expenses was also discussed.

The committee then decided to hold the next meeting on January 18, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Approved by  Date 01/18/2011