ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Facilities Training Room 2010 E Michigan Street Orlando, Florida 32806

- Call Meeting to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Manager's Report- Dil Luther, Manager
- New Business
 - Introduction of new board members
 - New Legislation passed by the FL Legislature
 - Candy's Cats Grant Application
- Public Comments:
 - 3 minutes per person (public speaker form is required per person)
- Other
- Adjourn

Next Meeting: June 19, 2018 - 6:30 p.m., Facilities Training Room; 2010 E Michigan Street, Orlando, FL 32806

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need to record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Current Advisory Board Members Revised on 5/8/2018

1. Richard Risser

Orange County Sheriff

Department

Phone: 407-448-6114 (cell) Email: Richard.Risser@ocfl.net

2. Frayda R Morris

Appointed 12/15/2015 14125 Serena Lake Drive,

Orlando, FL 32837

Phone: 407-575-9923 (home)

407-933-1311 (cell)

Email: frayda@camgt.net

3. Lisa Ann Franchina

Appointed 3/15/2016

20 N. Orange Avenue Suite 600

Orlando, FL 32825

Phone: 407-443-0889 (cell) Email: Lisa@franchinalaw.com

4. Paul L Wean

Appointed 3/15/2016 646 E Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32836

Phone: 407-886-5709

407-341-0861 (cell) Email: plwean@wmlo.com

5. Nanette P Parratto- Wagner

Appointed 7/12/2016 14349 Chinese Elm Drive,

Orlando, FL 32828

Phone: 407-249-8235 (home) 321-663-1347 (cell)

Email: npwagner003@gmail.com

6. Maria Rivera

Appointed 5/8/2018 2107 Diamond Drive Orlando, FL 32807 Phone: 321-2885888

Email: Csm3@bellsouth.net

7. Porscha Scott

Appointed 5/8/18 1324 Weston Woods Blvd Orlando, FL 32818

Phone: 561-644-7459

Email: scott.porscha@gmail.com

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 17, 2018 Location: Orange County Facilities Training Room

2350 E Michigan Street Orlando, FL 32806

Meeting called to order by: Chair Lisa Franchina Time: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded/transcribed by: Linda Hull Meeting adjourned at: 8:22 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa A. Franchina, Chair Paul Wean, Vice Chair Nanette P. Parratto-Wagner Frayda R. Morris Thomas Mortimer Richard Risser

STAFF:

Dil Luther, Division Manager OCAS

Don Bruce, Assistant Manager OCAS

Diane Summers, Program Manager Communications OCAS

APPROVED:	

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at

Orange County Facilities Training Room, 2010 E Michigan Street; Orlando, FL 32806

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS April 17, 2018

ITEM#	TOPIC	ACTIONS TAKEN/DISCUSSION/ASSIGNED	PARTIES	DUE DATE
1.	Welcome/ Roll Call	Board Chair Lisa Franchina called meeting to order at 6:30pm. There was a quorum of 7.		
2.	Approval of Minutes	Franchina asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Nanette P. Parratto-Wagner made a change request and motioned to approve the minutes as changed and seconded by Franchina.		
3.	Manager's Report	 OCAS Division Manager Dil Luther updated the board on the new interaction yard construction delay due to the presence of electrical and gas lines. He then discussed the resolution's fee change mandate, the removal of the rescue registration fees, removal of landlord and residential lease checks, and the suitability of adoption determination based on animal behavior, animal welfare, and adopter history. Board Member Paul Wean asked community association approval and Luther replied that OCAS does not get involved in those. Wean also asked if the resolution is broad enough to incorporate the Do Not Adopt criteria OCAS have adopted. Luther replied that the resolution is less restrictive and give OCAS leeway. 		
4.	New Business	 Code of Conduct for Rescue Partners Board Member Frayda R. Morris stated that 3 separate complaints have been made regarding rescue partners harassing other rescue partners and this action is specifically forbidden in the rescue contract with termination as a default action. An email chain involving Rescue Me Orlando was presented exhibiting behavior and language that Morris feels recommends their contract should be terminated. Franchina asked if Rescue Me Orlando has ever pulled any animals. Our records indicate they have not. She stated that it is up to the shelter whether they will enforce the agreement or not. Morris made a motion for the county to enforce the 		

- agreement and terminate the contract with Rescue Me Orlando. This motion was seconded by Board Member Nanette P. Parratto-Wagner.
- Franchina pointed out that representatives from Rescue Me Orlando were present and suggested they be given the chance to speak.
- Several citizens began to speak at once. Morris interrupted stating that this was not the open session portion of the meeting. After several minutes of citizens and board members speaking over each other, Board Member Deputy Richard D. Risser established order by declaring that the citizens would have their three minutes to speak at the open session part of the meeting.
- Morris repeated her motion to enforce the Rescue ME Orlando contract as written and signed.
- Wean suggested we hear the three minutes of public comments by the administrator of Rescue Me Orlando before making the recommendation.
- Kimberly Doyle of Rescue Me Orlando read a statement claiming that the minutes from the February 20, 2018 Orange County Animal Services Advisory Board Meeting contain slanderous allegations about Rescue Me Orlando and she requests that proof be provided that such are true, or that they be removed. She stated that neither she, nor her partner Brittney have made no derogative comments themselves and they have no control over what other persons may post on their behalf.
- Parratto-Wagner stated that everything that Doyle requested will be addressed if the steps to be taken to terminate the agreement requires, all of her questions will be answered.
- Doyle stated that she wishes to withdraw as a rescue partner.
- Morris still wished to vote on the motion to recommend termination of Rescue Me Orlando's contract. All voted aye, except for Wean who was opposed on the basis that the motion is moot as Doyle stated that Rescue Me Orlando wishes to withdraw as a rescue partner.

New Legislation

 Morris referenced Senate Bill 1576. Wean stated that Orange County Animal Services already has policies in place that match those of the new bill. As the meeting was running long, discussion of the Legislative Update has been moved to the May Advisory Board Meeting.

New \$25 Volunteer Screening Fee

- Wean opposes this fee feeling that the cost will deter new volunteers and cause current volunteers to not renew. He also objects to criminal background checks for certain volunteers from certain professions, volunteers that are inactive, volunteers that work few hours, and volunteers who have been working more than 100 hours. He feels that doing background checks on a monthly basis is also excessive. Wean also expressed concern about using a 3rd party vendor to do background checks wondering how secure the data they collect is being held.
- Franchina feels that background checks done on a regular basis are necessary as new information could be added at any time. She also stated that \$25 a year is not an exorbitant amount. This fee is an administrative issue, not the business of the advisory board.
- Morris feels that \$25 is too high for some individuals.
- Wean suggested that rescue partners should be screened as well.
- Parratto-Wagner stated that as this is an administrative decision, members of the board and the public should contact the mayor and their commissioners to express their objections to the fee.

5. Public Comments

Cris Ferreira

- Requested that individual animal's bite notes be included in emails to rescue groups.
- Requested that any animals returned to Orange County Animal Services by their adopters be made available to rescues prior to euthanization.
- Suggested that rescue partners could sponsor volunteers and pay the fees, and feels that screening rescue partners is a good idea.
- Spoke positively about Rescue Me Orlando.

Shelbi Crews

• Spoke positively about Rescue Me Orlando and her experience getting her three dogs with their help.

Cynthia Duffy

- Worries that dogs and cats are not being properly screened for temperament and euthanized unnecessarily.
- Feels that ear-tipped cats should not be picked up and euthanized.

Theresa Marie

- Objects to ear-tipped cats being picked up and euthanized.
- Luther replied that when cat colonies become a nuisance

 they must be removed. OCAS Assistant Manager Don Bruce stated that efforts are made to contact CARE to relocate cats. Marie suggested that other organizations than CARE could be contacted as well. Luther stated that other organizations can contact Orange County Animals Services and let them know how they can be of help.
 Nicole West Feels that Rescue Me Orlando has been treated unfairly by the board. Is concerned about animals being mislabeled as aggressive when they are merely frightened by the kennel environment. Suggests that volunteer independent trainers be brought in to evaluate dogs. Luther said that Orange County Animal Services has a behaviorist who works with the dogs. Dogs are routinely reevaluated and changes made to their status.
 Austin Vogt Spoke about his experience adopting his dog from Orange County Animal Services, initiated by a Facebook post by Rescue Me Orlando. He experienced several complications during the adoption process and was assisted by Rescue Me Orlando. Parratto-Wagner asked Vogt to detail his experience in a letter to Luther so that the board can review the situation.

Veranne Modak, Maggie Richardson, Kurt Bride, and Anthony Lusk

• Spoke positively of Rescue Me Orlando for facilitating through Facebook posts her own and many other people's awareness of the pets they have fostered and adopted.

Wagner and Morris simultaneously moved to adjourn at 8:22pm.

The full audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

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Adjournment

Animal Services Advisory Board Summary Report

Animals at t	the Facility	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total
IMPOUNDS					
	Strays	273	624	1	898
	Confiscated	55	9	0	64
	Owned	5	32	0	37
	Owner Surrender	208	90	3	301
	Requested Owner Euthanasia	57	11	0	68
	Requested Disposal	12	21	1	34
	IMPOUNDS TOTAL:	610	787	5	1,402
OUTCOMES					
Live Releas	se				
	Adoptions	353	247	0	600
	Rescued	44	82	Ō	126
	Relocated	0	0	4	
	Returned to Owners	89	21	0	110
	OCAS Community Cats Initiative	0	51	0	51
	Missing/Escaped	1	1	0	2
	Live Release Subtotal	487	402	4	
Euthanize	ed .				
	Owner Requested Euthanasia	57	10	0	67
	Age	0	162	0	162
	Medical	20	83	Ō	103
	Temperament	17	55	0	72
	Space	0	0	Ō	C
	Time	0	0	0	C
	Euthanized Subtotal	94	310	0	404
Decease	d				
	After Intake	1	9	0	10
	State Lab Testing	0	2	0	2
	Disposal	14	21	1	36
	Disposal Subtotal	15	32	1	48
	OUTCOMES TOTAL:	596	744	5	1345
	Live Release Rate:	93%	57%	100%	72%
	Prior Year's Live Release Rate:	92%	48%	100%	67%
Total Nur	nber of Animals at the Shelter at the B	eginning of t	the Month:	279	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total Num	ber of Animals in Foster Care at the B	eginning of t	he Month:	93	
	tal Number of Animals at the Shelter at			264	
Tota	al Number of Animals in Foster Care at	the End of t	he Month	176	



Animal Welfare

Today, the Florida Legislature sent a great bill to the Governor's desk. CS/CS/SB 1576 requires animal shelters that take in stray dogs and cats to adopt written policies and procedures to ensure that every reasonable effort is made to quickly and reliably return the animals to their owners.

The bill allows a court to prohibit a person convicted of animal cruelty from owning, possessing, keeping, harboring, having contact with, or having custody or control over any animal.

I am thrilled we were able to pass legislation that will protect our pets from animal abusers as well as ensure animal shelters take every reasonable effort to return stray pets back to their owners.

This evening, SB 1576 passed the Legislature unanimously. For more information on SB 1576, <u>click here.</u>



As always, I greatly value all of your comments and emails. Please feel free to reach out to my office to share your thoughts or concerns, or if we can ever be of any assistance. I look forward to representing you this Legislative Session.

Your Friend and Neighbor,

Greg Steube
Proudly Serving Sarasota and Charlotte Counties

STAY CONNECTED:

Email Me

Call my office: 941-342-9162



Orange County Animal Services Trust Fund: Community Grant

Applicant Information
Applicant Organization Name: <u>CANDY'S</u> CATS, TNC
Name of Non-Profit Organization if Different:
Contact Person: DEBORAH HOCH
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 608444
Day Phone: 407-810-2040 Evening Phone: SAME
Email Address: <u>dhoch 1978@ gmail.com</u>
Non-Profit Organization Information
Is your organization a 501(c)(3) organization?
County of Origin OPANGE Tax Identification Number (TIN): 33-0151744
Description of Project & Requested Funding
Total Amount of Funds Requested for Reimbursement: \$ 2500.00
Describe your future projects or services and how this funding would benefit the welfare of Orange County animals. Previous expenses are not eligible. You may submit a separate document if necessary.
SEE ATTACHED
Have you ever applied for other grants from Animal Services? □ NO YES
If YES, please explain: WE APPLIED FOR SAME GRANT LAST
YEAR
Have you previously received money from other organization? NO X YES
If YES, please explain: LOCAL FOUNDATION THAT HELPS WITH
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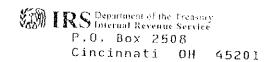


Our mission is to rescue cats and kittens in Orange County. We do not shy away from difficult situations and difficult cases. Just this last year we have stepped in when most organizations would have walked away. One of our volunteers had noticed a homeless camp located in Orange County where cats and kittens were being abused. We stepped in and captured the cats and kittens, then got them all the medical care that they so desperately needed. Some of them were in pretty bad shape and needed extensive veterinary care. Most of them are in loving forever homes now, but we still have a few that are undergoing medical treatment.

We also stepped into a hoarding situation that involved 39 cats and kittens, of which all of them needed extensive medical care. We did return a portion of them to their owner after they had received the medical attention that they needed, plus being spayed or neutered and vaccinated. Upon the owners request we took in 15 of them, because they were in a fight for their lives. Our fosters worked around the clock to make sure that everything was being done to save them. We spent thousands of dollars getting these cats and kittens in good health and ready for adoption.

Once we take in a cat or kitten, we place them in one of our magnificent foster homes where they are cared for 24 hours a day. They are provided with nutritious food, lots of love, and proper veterinary care. Once they are stable enough or old enough they are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, fecal tested, tested for FIV and Feline Leukemia, and microchipped. After they have recovered from their surgery they are then put up for adoption at one of our locations.

We desperately need your help to cover some of the medical costs, and food for the lives that we save every day. We are submitting this grant to help us continue our crusade to save these tiny lives. Please help us save them.



In reply refer to: 0248230137 Feb. 19, 2015 LTR 4168C 0 32-0151744 000000 00

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CANDYS CATS INC PO BOX 608444 ORLANDO FL 32860



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Employer Identification Number: 32-0151744
Person to Contact: Ms. Edwards
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Feb. 09, 2015, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in April 2006.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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CANDYS CATS INC PO BOX 608444 ORLANDO FL 32860

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Doris Kenwright, Operation Mgr. Accounts Management Operations l

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