

# **ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: July 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: 7:10 p.m.**

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## **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisa A. Franchina, Chair  
Paul Wean, Vice Chair  
Frayda R. Morris  
Nanette P. Parratto-Wagner  
Porscha Scott

## **STAFF:**

Don Bruce, Assistant Manager OCAS  
Alyssa Chandler, Public Relations/Information Officer OCAS

**APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NEXT MEETING:**      **The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 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  
July 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 5.		
2.	Approval of Minutes	June meeting minutes were approved.		
3.	Manager's Report	Don Bruce gave the manager's report. The shelter was too full the weekend of July 14-15 to take owner surrenders. Paul Wean inquired as to whether a tracking system is in place for the people turned away. One does not exist, but may be implemented in the future.		
		Alyssa Chandler, Orange County Animal Services Public Relations/Information officer announced that 10,000 Foster Parent recruitment flyers were distributed in July's OUC bills.		
4.	New Business	\$25,000 to continue the Heartworm Program for dogs was proposed. Frayda Morris voted to approve, this was seconded by Lisa Franchina.		
5.	Public Comments	Cris Ferreira stated that she feels rescue groups are not getting the respect they deserve from OCAS.		
		Lewis Mattox expressed concern that ear-tipped cats are being captured and euthanized.		
		Sonia Drudge requested that more resources to spay and neuter animals be devoted to South Orange County.		
		Nicole West spoke about a shelter program in Miami's success in rehoming pets. She also expressed concern over what background check procedures are done for prospective adopters. Nicole stated her opinion that Lisa Franchina should be removed from the board due to bias.		
6.	Adjournment	Christine Caragmaro stated her concerns over animals being euthanized for space brought about by animals remaining in the shelter after being adopted due to delays over surgery. She		

		<p>suggested OCAS look into monetary grants to help during peak season. She also asked if owner surrenders are being counselled, and if the surrenders are due to low income, is assistance being offered.</p> <p>Don Bruce replied to the concerns of the citizen speakers:</p> <p>The decision to euthanize due to overpopulation is complicated and not taken lightly. Each animal's situation is discussed by a panel before the decision is made. OCAS has been keeping three to four dogs per kennel during the peak season and partnered with Pet Alliance for spay and neuter surgery assistance.</p> <p>The overcrowding problem is not financial, but strictly a matter of available space.</p> <p>Counseling and alternative rescue options are discussed during every owner surrender, including offers of food and supplies if needed.</p> <p>With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.</p>		
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The full audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.