

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

**Date:** August 21, 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:** 7:26 p.m.

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## **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

## **STAFF:**

Don Bruce, Assistant Manager OCAS  
Diane Summers, Program Manager, Communications

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

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 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 6:31pm. There was a quorum of 6.		
2.	Approval of Minutes	July meeting minutes were approved.		
3.	Manager's Report	<p>Diane Summers reported on the Orange County Animal Services' participation in the Saturday, August 18 national Clear the Shelter event. Fees were waived for the day and OCAS had 87 adoptions.</p> <p>Frayda Morris questioned whether the Do Not Adopt initiative has been implemented. Don Bruce stated that it is still at the county attorney's office waiting to be approved. Lisa Franchina requested that Don Bruce follow up with Dil Luther on the status of the initiative.</p> <p>Paul Wean repeated his suggestion from earlier in the year regarding OCAS bringing animals to present for adoption at the Millennia Mall. He stated that Dil Luther had proposed this but was denied permission by the county risk management team. Paul Wean would like to revisit this idea, asking that someone from the risk management team come to an advisory board meeting to discuss the proposal.</p> <p>Lisa Franchina stated that the Millennia Mall management has declined to participate with requests to join OCAS events in the past. Diane Summers agreed as she has visited Millennia Mall management and found them to be not amenable to involvement with OCAS.</p>		
4.	New Business	<p>Sniffing Snouts Pit Bull Rescue – Lisa Franchina, with approval from the other board members and Heather Henderson of Sniffing Snouts Pit Bull Rescue, changed the application to read “veterinary care” instead of “heartworm treatment.” The application was approved.</p> <p>Metta Rescue Family – application approved.</p> <p>The Way Home – application approved.</p>		

5.	Public Comments	<p>Nanette Parratto-Wagner pointed out that the live cat rate was up for July. Diane Summers agreed and stated that the rate has jumped from 61% last year to 71% this year.</p> <p>Heather Henderson spoke on the issue of personal adoption applications superseding rescue holds. She stated that a rescue can devote a great deal of time and effort to an animal only to have it adopted at the last minute. To pull an animal, rescues must sign a contract, submit to home checks, and attend volunteer meetings. An adopter just has to present a photo ID and they can walk out with an animal with no follow up. Because rescues have been vetted and offer more accountability, she petitions that rescue holds be given the same regard as adoption holds. If a citizen wishes to adopt an animal with a rescue hold, OCAS could give the rescue the option of dropping the rescue hold and/or put the citizen in contact with the rescue.</p> <p>Frayda Morris questioned how many times this situation has occurred. Heather said that it hasn't happened often to her rescue, but she has heard from other rescues that it happens. Frayda pointed out that OCAS is a public service shelter, supported by public taxes. She questioned how often adopted animals are returned. Don Bruce answered that the OCAS average is 10%, same as the national average.</p> <p>Nanette Parratto-Wagner believes that the Do Not Adopt policy will be instrumental in alleviating this issue.</p> <p>Frayda Morris asks that OCAS add returns to the report.</p> <p>Don Bruce stated that special-needs dogs are often designated as "rescue only."</p> <p>Diane Summers said that OCAS does track adoptions and returns by individuals and does deny adoptions to those who return animals repeatedly.</p> <p>Kim Stroom agreed that rescues cannot always be given priority over citizens but, in cases of medically needy animals, a rescue is often able to provide care that an individual could not afford. When citizens do adopt medically needy animals, she suggests that OCAS follow up to check on the animal's welfare.</p> <p>Diane Summers stated that OCAS does follow up on the care of medically needy animals when OCAS is able and aware of the need, but it is not a definitive or across the board follow up.</p>		
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6.	Adjournment	<p>Kim is concerned that too many animals are being euthanized for temperament and space issues.</p> <p>Frayda Morris asked to put the issues of rescue vs adopter and animal returns on next month's agenda for discussion.</p> <p>With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.</p>		
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The full audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.