

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

Date: October 20, 2020

Meeting called to order by: Chair Paul Wean

Location: WEBEX

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded/transcribed by: Linda Hull

Meeting adjourned at: 7:15 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Wean, Chair
Rosina McVicker
Matthew Thorne
Nanette Wagner
Janet Williams

STAFF

Diane Summers, Manager
Peggy Meeks, Assistant Manager
Linda Hull, Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved_____

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ITEM#	TOPIC	ACTIONS TAKEN/DISCUSSION/ASSIGNED
1.	Welcome/Roll Call	6:30 p.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes	September minutes were approved
3.	Manager's Report	<p>Diane Summers gave the manager's report. A highlight was the Fiscal Year Update and the positive media coverage. She praised staff, volunteers, rescue partners, and social media for contributing to the shelter's success particularly during the difficulties of COVID 19.</p> <p>One focus for next year will be contacting veterinary technicians in local animal hospitals to volunteer as foster parents for kittens.</p> <p>Thanks to the generous donations of Paul Ween and Don Mealey, another pet food distribution will be offered at Barnett Park. The exact date is pending, but this will likely happen in November, 2020.</p>
4.	Old business	Summers is still waiting for feedback from Palm Beach County Animal Services regarding their backyard breeding policies.
5.	New Business	<p>Candy's Cats grant application was approved by the board.</p> <p>A discussion of A456555, a cat adopted from OCAS ensued. The cat was taken to Dr. Nanette Wagner's veterinary office. She diagnosed a heart murmur serious enough to require treatment by a veterinary cardiologist. Dr. Wagner question whether the new owners were fully informed of the cat's medical condition and potential high cost of care when it was adopted.</p>

		<p>Summers produced the adoption paperwork given at time of adoption that did state that the cat had a heart murmur and an Official Notice was issued requiring the owners to seek veterinary cat due to this issue. As Animal Services had no way to know the exact seriousness of the condition and the potential high cost of care, this was not discussed at the time.</p> <p>Summers stated that the owners did provide proof that they had visited a vet, and they were seeking treatment at UF Small Animal Hospital.</p> <p>Paul Wean suggested that Animal Services follow up again to ensure that treatment is being given, and if not, that Animal Services should offer the owners the opportunity to exchange this cat for healthy cat and try to find a rescue group to provide treatment for the heart murmur.</p> <p>Peggy Meeks and Diane Summers stated that the owners have not contacted Animal Services for assistance and Animal Services cannot force the owners to return the cat.</p> <p>Diane Summers will give the owners a follow up call.</p> <p>The format of Advisory Board Meetings in the future was discussed. As the virtual meeting mandate has expired, an option has been provided to have “blended” virtual and in-person meetings. As COVID 19 is still an evolving situation, it is possible that this mandate may be extended. The exact style and process of the meeting is still being determined and information will be provided as soon as a decision is made.</p>
6.	Public Comments	No public comments
7.	Adjournment	7:15

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