

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

Date: July 20, 2021

**Location: Orange County Facilities Training Room
2350 E Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32806**

Meeting called to order by: Chair Nanette Parratto-Wagner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded/transcribed by: Linda Hull

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nanette Parratto-Wagner
Rosina McVicker
Erica Higgins
Melissa McGee
Matthew Thorne

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	June minutes were approved
3.	Manager's Report	<p>Diane Summers announced that the June Flash Sale wherein all animals were reduced to \$10 was quite successful and we processed 153 adoption applications.</p> <p>Summers confirmed with the Orange County Attorney's Office that public records requests are being handled correctly by the Florida State's Sunshine Law.</p> <p>Melissa McGee asked if the dogs listed as euthanized on the monthly report were from the recent hoarding cases. Summers said no. Only one dog from the recent large-scale hoarding case was euthanized for medical reasons.</p> <p>McGee asked if OCAS applies rehabilitation strategies for behavior challenged dogs. Summers pointed out that training opportunities are limited in the shelter environment and rescue placement is sought for the more difficult animals. The search for a full-time behaviorist is ongoing.</p> <p>Some clarification of kitten age restrictions was requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kittens under 1lb must leave the same day, with veterinary approval • Kittens 1.5lbs can stay if they are eating on their own, with veterinary approval • Kittens 1.5 – 2lbs are monitored and weighed daily.
4.	Old business	Nanette Parratto-Wagner presented a revised copy of her response to the Sunset Notice. No changes were suggested.

5.	New Business	<p>A discussion to raise the cap on funds dispensed by the Advisory Board commenced. The Board requested a statement of funds for 2021 at the next meeting.</p> <p>AC issues in the general dog area were discussed. It was determined that the cost of renovating the building for air conditioning would be unjustifiable and efforts to spur the new shelter building project would be more productive.</p> <p>McGee asked if a noise abatement would be a project the county would consider. Summers replied that noise is a consideration in the plans for the new building, but the cost would be prohibitive in the current building. McGee offered to perform her own research on noise abatement.</p> <p>Summers confirmed that plans for the new Animal Services Building were put on hold due to Covid 19 disrupting the county's budget in 2020. The board decided to draft a communication encouraging the county commissioners to move forward with the plans as soon as possible.</p>
6.	Public Comments	No public comments.
7.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

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