

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

Date: January 17, 2017

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

Meeting called to order by: Chair Jeff Loeffert

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded/transcribed by: Shasmin A Robles

Meeting adjourned at: 8:38 p.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Loeffert
Michael Holt
Nanette P Parratto-Wagner
Lisa A Franchina
Frayda Morris
Thomas E Mortimer
Paul Wean

STAFF:

Dil Luther, OCAS
Don Bruce, OCAS
Alyssa Duross, OCAS
Christina Cowgill-Fiorito, OCAS
John Goodrich, OC

APPROVED: _____

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:30 p.m. at
Orange County Facilities Training Room; 2010 E Michigan Street; Orlando, FL 32806

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December 14, 2016**

ITEM#	TOPIC	ACTIONS TAKEN/DISCUSSION/ASSIGNED	PARTIES	DUE DATE
1-2.	Welcome/ Roll Call	Board Chair Jeff Loeffert called meeting to order. Roll call was taken by Shasmin Robles and there was a quorum. There was a total of 21 citizens present.		
3.	Approval of Minutes	<p>Board Chair Jeff Loeffert asked for a motion to be made to approve the minutes. A discussion was requested by Board Member Lisa Franchina. There were a few details left out towards the end regarding the cost of an X-Ray machine, time frame of when an X-Ray is completed, and a one typo. The information will be included. Board Member Paul Wean made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Board Member Frayda Morris seconded. All other board members are in favor.</p> <p>There was a small discussion regarding the X-Ray machine. The machine is still not working and OCAS is working on getting a new one. It is currently in procurement. OCAS uses the machine at Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando.</p>		
4.	Managers Reports	<p>OCAS Staff Member Dil Luther's manager reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luther gave an update on the reconstruction for the washer/dryer concrete slab. It should be completed within the next 4-6 weeks. • The locations for the clinics are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Corner of 50 and Alafaya ○ Corner of Silver Star and Apopka Vineland Road • Staff Member Alyssa Duross – Spoke about new sponsorships for heartworm treatments. OCAS is up to 5 different sponsorships. Two sponsorships are veterinary clinics. Franchina asked about the criteria for the program. She questioned if there will be a contract the adopters will have to sign. As of right now, OCAS is not following up on the adopters. 		

5.	Old Business	<p>Franchina wants to ensure the adopters are completing the heartworm treatment. Vice Chair Paul Wean stated possibly proposing a fine. OCAS may not be able to force the adopters to complete the treatment. Board Member Dr. Wagner asked OCAS what is considered a success rate. Duross stated a success to the shelter is having the animal sponsored and adopted. Dr. Wagner asked if OCAS can create a protocol on following up on the adopters. She asked if OCAS can create a contract stating if the adopter is not compliant and not caring for the welfare of the animal then a citation can be issued. Wean asked why isn't OCAS beginning the treatment before the dog is adopted. Dr. Wagner stated OCAS may not have the staff to continue to monitor the dog. Once the first treatment has started, the animal can go into heart failure or organ failure within the matter of 24 hours. Luther stated Pet Alliance is handling the treatment and OCAS does not have the best environment for HW treatment. Duross stated Pet Alliance is handling the treatment for sponsorships whom aren't a veterinary clinic. Once the dog is adopted, Pet Alliance will immediately begin the treatment and follow up with the adopters. Board Chair Jeff Loeffert and Wean stated whether OCAS can still own the dog during the treatment while the dog is in the potential adopters care. This would be considered a foster to adopt program. Once the treatment is completed then the animal can be officially adopted by the adopters. Luther stated it'll have to go to legal. Luther will give an update during next month's meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Action Team – OCAS was at Barnett Park on January 14 with a bus providing free microchips and free rabies vaccines to the community. OCAS will be at Barnett Park on January 21 with free sterilization. <p>Do not adopt list review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luther stated he does not have a response at the moment. Topic will be added to next month's agenda. <p>Trust Fund Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange County Animal Services Trust Fund Rescue Partner Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Franchina questioned the criteria for the grant. Under the 	
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		<p>description of the grant its states: It is a reimbursement program intended to offset costs incurred as a result of extensive medical treatment REQUIRED for animals rescued/removed from Orange County Animal Services. Although under the grant eligibility it states: pet rescue organizations applying for grant funding must either be Orange County based OR must restrict use of grant funds solely to provide for the medical treatment of animals located, abandoned or rescued within Orange County or that be located within Orange County. There may some misunderstanding. The second part did not state the animals have to be pulled from Orange County Animal Services. Franchina requested it to be clarified in the application. Franchina stated in grant is available other than medical but it is not stated in the application. The application states: Grants are intended to provide financial assistance for debilitating conditions, not general wellness. Franchina disagrees with the term used; debilitating conditions. Dr. Wagner stated anything that is not a wellness/annual visit is possibly considered a debilitated condition. A general wellness would be annual vaccines, heartworm test, and an annual exam. Franchina asked OCAS Staff Member Christina Cowgill-Fiorito does OCAS give any other shots besides a rabies shot to the animals. Cowgill-Fiorito stated the dogs receive the DHPP/Distemper vaccine, bordetella vaccine, and a de-wormer. The cats receive a FVRCP, a de-wormer, and FIV testing. All animals receive flea medication if the animal is at weight and of age. Franchina asked Dr. Wagner if she would perform any other tests or treatments even with what Cowgill-Fiorito stated. Dr. Wagner stated she would only if the physical exam with a history warranted recommended doing additional diagnostics. For a senior pet additional diagnostics would be recommended. Franchina would like a different word or term to be used other than debilitating conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange County Animal Services Trust Fund Community Grant • Trust Fund – Heartworm Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luther withdrew from voting 		
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6.	New Business	<p>using the trust fund money for this project. Dr. Wagner stated to bring the research and feedback found from the theater advertisement and bring it to the commissioners next year to request more money in the budget and avoid using the trust fund. Morris disagrees with using the theater at The Loop Stadium. She believes it is not a good theater and it'll be attracting Osceola County residents. The Loop Stadium is in Orange County but it is within minutes of Osceola County. Wean made a motion to approve the projects but with the change of a few theaters. Morris seconded the motion. All other board members are in favor.</p> <p>Backyard Chickens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OC Staff Member Rocco Relvini spoke about the new urban chicken program or backyard chickens. The ordinance was brought up in 2013 but was not passed. The maximum size of the coop and pen area shall be 100 square feet. The maximum height of a coop and the pen area fenced around the coop shall be 6 feet. The citizen must attend and complete a class at the Agriculture Extension on the care and raising of chickens. A maximum of four hens per household. The coop shall be kept in clean condition. Hens cannot be bred or slaughtered. Roosters are prohibited. Hens are not permitted if the home owner associations does not allow. Dr. Wagner asked if zoning inspectors are trained and know what to look for in regards of cleanliness and is OCAS trained. Relvini stated no. Luther also stated no. Dr. Wagner stated it seems no one is OC is trained and knows what to look for. She asked if the health departments know what to look for and the OC staff is unsure. Loeffert is concerned about the construction and safety of the coop during hurricane season. Dr. Wagner stated the class should have the information provided. She also stated there is a concern regarding predators entering the coops. She stated it can be difficult to reframe a determined fox, raccoon, squirrel, etc. Chickens can be a nuisance or possibly attracting wildlife. Wean is concerned with chickens attracting wild animals to communities. He also believes urban homes or mobile homes are not appropriate for backyard chickens. Morris made a motion to recommend against the program. Wean seconded. All other board members are in favor. 		
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7.	Public Comments	<p>before confiscating. Board Member OCSO Michael Holt stated they'll sometimes be cut and dry neglect cases and the state of attorney's office won't touch them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board believes it is the owner is questionable (whether or whether not the animal was taken of) but OCAS should have cited the owner regardless of her age. • Morris gave kudos to OCAS for their adoption numbers. <p>2017 Selection for board chair and vice chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Franchina was voted Board Chair and Paul Wean was voted for Vice Chair. <p>Citizen Cori Stewart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heartworm dogs – Stewart stated she has seen at least 2 dogs with heartworm disease and badly coughing. She believes these dogs should not be in the general kennels. • Staff assisted dogs – Stewart believes these dogs are not being taken out by the staff. Only certain individuals are allowed to take these dogs out. Stewart stated these dogs are pooping multiple times when she takes them out. She said these dogs are housetrained and are holding their poop in. <p>Citizen Christine Cavagnaro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cavagnaro stated the “last call list” was last sent to rescues was on November 15, 2016. She is wondering why rescues have not been receiving the email and if they will begin receiving them. She is concerned the rate of euthanasia has gone up because of that. Cavagnaro also stated the due out date is no longer shown. Cavagnaro asked who is allowed in dog isolation and are citizens allowed to take photos of dogs in isolation. She believes dogs in isolation are sometimes forgotten. She also believes it is important to have a do not adopt list. <p>Citizen Brittany Lizotte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lizotte spoke about a new non-profit organization. It is called Snip It and it offers free or low cost spay and neuter. She is also trying to raise money for the organization. 		
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8.	Other	<p>Citizen Suzanne Morgan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morgan spoke on behalf of herself and for 4 other citizens. She was given 7 minutes to speak. • Morgan spoke about A366733. She said there was a rescue involved and most often rescues would have helped the owner. • Euthanasia report from 11/1/16 to 12/13/16 – 123 dogs were euthanized. 80 of the dogs were owner requested. She would like to know the circumstances and is OCAS euthanizing healthy dogs. Some dogs were euthanized due to temperament. She believes OCAS should have a behaviorist at the shelter to work with the dogs. She would like to know the difference between vet write off and medical. Summers stated the dogs have been euthanized due to extreme medical and/or temperament. • Morgan stated it is a little suspicious to remove the due out date and not sending out the last call list around the same time. Morgan asked when the last call list will be sent out again. • Morgan stated Sugar Plum A366762 due to her medical, she should have gone to emergency services. • Morgan is going to email OC staff her questions and Dil Luther will answer them at the next meeting. • Morgan also thanked OCAS for all of the hard work they do. <p>Morris asked what the protocol is regarding owner request on euthanasia. Luther stated if the dog is showing temperament and/or medical issues then OCAS will euthanize. Although, if the dog is healthy, not temperamental, or not having a major medical condition then OCAS will speak with the owner on other options such as adoption and/or rescue.</p>		
9.	Adjournment	<p>A motion to adjourn was made. Board Member Paul Wean approved and Board Member Frayda Morris seconded. All members are in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm</p>		