

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
April 30, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Chair
Jamey Cantrell
Karen Dubrow
Tammy Chow-Hayes
Robert Watson
Cindy Gordon
Meryl Evans

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie New, Senior Administrative Assistant
Michelle Voirin, Assistant City Attorney III

Dr. Ruth called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m., April 30, 2019 in the conference room of the Plano Animal Shelter, 4028 West Plano Parkway. A quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

No one appeared to speak.

Cindy Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019 meeting. Tammy Chow-Hayes seconded the motion which passed 7-0.


SHELTER REPORT

Mr. Cantrell stated intakes were up by 15% from last year for dogs and cats. Owner surrenders were up by 20%, rabies incidents up by 15% and transfers up by 5%. There were 15% more redemptions and adoptions, euthanasia, volunteer hours and field calls were also up. The euthanasia percentage was 6.4%. Mr. Watson asked if this included owner surrenders, and Mr.,

Cantrell stated that those were taken out. Surrender reasons are usually moving, can't take care of (usually puppies that were previously adopted) and people don't make a lifelong commitment. The shelter had more visitors and less registrations. Education presentations were down due to the trailer being worked on due to being involved in the flood last year, but the trailer is now back and will be getting a new wrap which will tie in with images in the shelter. A wildlife rehabilitation class will be held soon. Shelli Siemer is his new boss and come from the City of Allen. He is working on the budget which is 2.4 million. Ms. Evans asked about the volunteer luncheon being held during Passover, and Mr. Cantrell said that we were limited as to when it could be held due to space needed. The new crematorium has been installed and is being tweaked.

The next meeting will be held on July 23, 2019.

Dr. Dubrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Evans seconded the motion which passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Chair