

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
July 30, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Chair
Jamey Cantrell
Karen Dubrow (arrived late)
Tammy Chow-Hayes
Robert Watson
Meryl Evans

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Cindy Gordon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Dr. Ruth called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., July 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.

Robert Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2019 meeting. Meryl Evans seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

SHELTER REPORT

Mr. Cantrell stated intakes were up by 10% from last year. Owner surrenders decreased by 10%, and there were 25% more impounds this year mainly due to cats and wildlife. Dogs were about the same. Field calls increased by 10%. Disposition of animals remained about the same. Redemptions were the same and adoptions were up by 10% and euthanasia was up by 25% mainly due to wildlife. Dog and cat euthanasia was 7.5% down from 8.2%, and the biggest

reason was owner requests. Registration was flat, and there were 30% more visitors. Volunteer hours were about the same. TCAP's low cost sterilization is down by about 20% possibly due to them opening a clinic in Allen. They may decide that it is not cost effective to be here, but it is a nice resource for the community. The city has undergone reorganization so now Animal Services is part of the public safety group. Another \$20,000 dollars is needed for renovations which may start in January. Funds are usually split between the donation account and city funds. The art project should be installed on Thursday near the lost and found area. Clear the Shelter will be held on August 17, and the balloon festival will be in September. The trailer and the vehicles will have wraps in the future. Mr. Watson inquired about the status of an expanded parking lot, and Mr. Cantrell stated that it may be 2021 before work begins. The budget has been submitted and is being reviewed by Council.

The next meeting will be held on October 22, 2019.

Dr. Dubrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tammy Chow-Hayes seconded the motion which passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Jamey Cantrell, Vice Chair