

Monterey County of Monterey Animal Control Program Advisory Board meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2017

Location:

Monterey County Animal Services Center
160 Hitchcock Rd, Salinas CA 93906

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monterey County of Monterey Animal Control Program Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm on June 15, 2017 at 160 Hitchcock Rd, Salinas CA 93906.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Six members attended, a quorum was present.

Mary Arnold, Appointee of the Director of Health
David Alexander, Representing- District 5 Supervisor Adams
Nannette Newbury, Representing- District 2 Supervisor Phillips
Linda Sanders, Representing- District 4 Supervisor Parker
Nancy Treffry, Appointee of the Director of Health
Marcella Zobel, Appointee of the Director of Health

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Bailey, Appointee of the Director of Health
Basil Smith, Appointee of District 3, Supervisor Salinas
Tom Collier, Representing- District 1 Supervisor Alejo

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

None

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Mary Koch
Devon Nichols
Mary Karpenko
Debra Long

COUNTY OF MONTEREY STAFF:

Ric Encarnacion, Assistant Director of Environmental Health
Rebecca Cenicerros, County Counsel
Robin Kimball, Management Analyst, Environmental Health

INTRODUCTION:

Chairperson Mary Arnold called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Chair Arnold acknowledged public comment from Mary Koch who commented about the possibility for the Board to consider site visits to AFRP, ASPCA spay and neuter clinics and Ms. Koch also voiced a concern that no shelter staff were present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes to the agenda were presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Nannette Newbury, seconded by David Alexander and carried to approve the April 27, 2017 meeting minutes with a correction to the Public Comment to read “Mary Koch commented about the possibility of changing the meeting day and time to an evening meeting and that the Board consider volunteering in the shelter”.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Mary Arnold reviewed correspondence and a draft proposed MOU she received from Dr. Jonathan Fradken regarding the donation of an x-ray machine by Central Coast College. After discussion, a motion was made by Nannette Newbury, seconded by David Alexander and carried to send a request to the Director of Health for a formal update on this donation and that a response be provided within ten days of receipt of the request. This will also be an agenda item for the next scheduled ACPAB meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Follow-up on Brown Act Training: Taking Public Comment

Rebecca Cenicerros, County Counsel, reviewed with the Board the Brown Act requirements to have items of discussion clearly defined and stated on the agenda as the public is entitled to know what is on the agenda.

Members of the public are provided the opportunity to speak about any item not on the agenda however no discussion can be held by the Board if an item is not on the agenda. Should the Board wish to consider discussion of an item, it can be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion and/or action.

B. On-Line Ethics Course for Board Members

Rebecca Cenicerros reminded the Board that her previous research regarding having to take suggested online Ethics Course for Board Members revealed that unless a Board member is compensated or reimbursed for travel, this training is not mandatory however the County Administrative Officer strongly recommends the training for all Board members.

C. Discuss the Possibility of Changing ACPAB Meeting Times

Chair Arnold introduced for discussion the possibility of changing meeting times to allow for more members of the public to attend and participate in meetings as well as an additional benefit of those members who work and find it hard to attend the meeting as it is currently scheduled. After discussion of this item, a motion was made by Linda Sanders to table the discussion to the next meeting and add language to the agenda to include "Change meeting times until the future of the Animal Services Operations Manager is determined". This motion was seconded by [REDACTED] and carried with one opposing vote.

D. Member Appointment Terms

Chair Arnold reminded members with expired/expiring terms to contact their respective appointing party if they wish to continue participating on the Board. Members whose terms have expired are Nancy Treffry and Tom Bailey, both appointed by the Director of Health and members whose terms expire in July, 2017 are Tom Collier, Basil Smith and Linda Sanders.

E. Receive report of May 14, 2017 Animal Vaccination Clinic at Castroville Community Center

Ric Encarnacion reported that the vaccination clinic held at the Castroville Community Center on May 14th had a good turnout with 69 in attendance, 80 dogs and 13 cats. 42 licenses were processed, 60 microchips were administered, 76 rabies, 65 Da2PP and 13 FVRCP vaccines were given. FoCAS provided the vaccines and AWAG provided the microchips. Additional events will be scheduled for later in the year. A public service announcement will go out regarding 4th of July fireworks.

F. Receive ACPAB Ad Hoc Committee on the Possible Combination of City and County Animal Services Activities Update

David Alexander reported that due to approval by the Board of Supervisors to move to a JPA, the Ad Hoc Committee has no reason to continue.

G. Review and Discussion: Monterey Board of Supervisors Meeting May 16, 2017, Regarding Options for Combining County and City of Salinas Animal Services Programs

David Alexander reported that the conclusion from the May 16, 2017 Board of Supervisors discussion considered a Joint Powers Authority but moved forward with a Joint Powers Agreement and the advice given to the Board of Supervisors from the ACPAB was ignored. There is no update regarding any activity that has taken place since this meeting.

V. REPORTS

Animal Services Monthly Statistics

Ric Encarnacion reported on the shelter statistics for the weeks of 5-26 through 6-13 which included euthanasia statistics of 76 animals. Mary Karpenko reported that she had surrendered a pregnant feral cat to the shelter after fostering it at her home for two months. She inquired about the cat three days later and was informed it had been euthanized which she had been told would not happen. Ric Encarnacion agreed to research further and follow up with Ms. Karpenko. Discussion was held regarding the number of euthanasia procedures performed and the lack of staffing which results in having to move animals through the shelter much faster. Chair Arnold stated that the data is shocking and unacceptable and requested that the data be broken down not only by area but monthly reporting for:

- dog/cat/other
- stray/surrendered by owner
- euthanized/reason/ill or injured
- available for adoption or RTO
- sent to rescue

and this report be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

Chair Arnold will also send an email to the Director of Health regarding shelter referrals to animal rescue groups. Debra Long volunteered to send statistic reports that the City shelter provides as well.

Report on ACPAB's Presence at the Board of Supervisors Budget Hearings on Monday, June 5, 2017

Chair Arnold reported that she and David Alexander attended the budget hearings to show support for funding the augmentation requests submitted for the Animal Services budget. The budget was approved status quo and initially the augmentation requests were denied; however, after Chair Arnold and David Alexander made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors, and the Director of Health subsequently made a presentation as well, the recommendation was made to augment funding for a .50 Veterinarian, a .50 RVT, 4 .50 ACT and one 1.0 Office Assistant II for six months only. Chair Arnold discussed an email sent to Animal Services staff where Director John Ramirez reported that only one member of the public made statements to the BOS, and she further stating that this statement stings and is not much of a thank you and that Mr. Ramirez did not acknowledge the work that the Board has done. David Alexander stated that the Board of

Supervisors would not have changed their minds about the funding if he and Chair Arnold had not said what was said at the meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mandatory Microchipping Update

Nannette Newbury confirmed that all adopted spayed and neutered animals leave the shelter with a microchip and noted that kennel animals have the kennel license number on the microchip registration data and should be included in the County shelter database. The Board requested that all RTO animals be microchipped before being returned to owners. Research is ongoing, this item will be brought forward under Old Business on the next meeting agenda.

Review and Discuss Proposal to Amend Title 8 Regarding Anti-Tethering to Bring Monterey County Into Compliance with State Law

Nannette Newbury proposed that California Health and Safety Code Section 122335, which limits the time an animal can be tethered or chained “be added to Monterey County Title 8 for consistency between the state and county stands on tethering/chaining of animals. We ask that the following amendment be made to the county regulations to allow our county ATO’s to follow and comply with the ordinance. The current state code section reads: “ (4) "Reasonable period" means a period of time not to exceed more than three hours in a 24-hour period, be amended, at the request of Monterey County Animal Control Officers, to a limit of no more than 30 minutes in a 24-hour period or a time that is otherwise approved by a Monterey County Animal Control Officer, and that this be introduced for adoption under Title 8 of the Monterey County Code. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the request to amend the tethering period as recommended and request that it be introduced into Title 8 of the Monterey County Code after Item 8.08.0503 and before Item 8.12.010.”

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. and will be held in Monterey County Animal Services Center. Meeting Location: 160 Hitchcock Rd, Salinas CA 93906