



GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Protecting and promoting the optimal health and well-being of Galveston County.

Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020 12:00 Noon

Galveston County Health District's Animal Services Advisory Committee convened for its regularly scheduled December 15, 2020 meeting by utilizing Zoom, which allowed for Committee members and the public alike to partake in and/or view the meeting either online or over the phone.

In Attendance:

Commissioner Stephen Holmes, Galveston County
Eric Froeschner, UBOH
James Osteen, City of La Marque
Able Garza, City of Texas City
Mayor Gale, City of Kemah
Mayor Konyha, City of Bayou Vista
Karen Hearing, City of Tiki Island
Jonathon Given, DVM
Lark Tedesco, Animal Welfare
Amber Adams, Daily Operator of an Animal Shelter
Monique Ryans, Daily Operator of an Animal Shelter

Absent:

Cynthia Kelley, Animal Welfare
Chris Armacost, City of Hitchcock
Curtis Klages, DVM, DACLAM, UBOH

GCHD Staff:

Kathy Barroso, Chief Executive Officer
Andrea Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
Kenna Pruitt, Budget & Grant Manager
Amanda Wolff, Executive Office Coordinator/Assistant to CEO

Consent Agenda Item #1-3

Mr. Osteen, Chair, asked the Committee to approve the consent agenda items one through three. Ms. Tedesco made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mayor Gale seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved consent agenda items one through three.

Item #4 Animal Services Manager Report

Monique Ryans, Manager of Animal Services, presented the management report to the Committee.

Item #5 Financial Report for September 2020 and Review of Fund Balance Reserve

Andrea Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented the September 2020 financial report and reviewed the fund balance reserve to the Committee. A motion to approve the report as presented was made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Mr. Froeschner. The Committee unanimously approved the September 2020 financial report and the review of the fund balance reserve.

Item #6 Consider for Approval Offering Feral Cat Neuters to the Public

Amber Adams, Director of Animal Services, presented the ARC Public Feral Cat Neuter Pilot Program to the Committee. Ms. Adams requested the Animal Services Advisory Committee approve proceeding with this program and proposed fee pending final approval by the United Board of Health. Mr. Osteen made a motion to approve a six-month pilot program and to present this program to the United Board of Health for approval. Ms. Tedesco seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Item #7 Update on 501c3 ARC Pet Allies

Amber Adams, Director of Animal Services, provided an update on the formation of ARC Pet Allies to the Committee. Ms. Adams informed the Committee the initial board meeting was held on Friday, August 21st, and the approval letter was received. Fundraising will now begin for ARC Pet Allies.

Item #8 Comparative Data Summary (FY2020-2019) (Intake and Dispositions)

Andrea Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented the comparative data summary 2020-2019 (intake and disposition).

Item #9 Update from Animal Services Advisory Committee Members

No updates were given by Committee members.

Item #10 Public Comments

No comments were made from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Date

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Approved via Zoom Meeting on 12/15/2020