

**Animal Control Advisory Board**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Dr. Pat Richardson

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

Dr. Pat Richardson, Chair of the Animal Control Advisory Board  
Rita Weaver, Vice Chairperson / Animal Welfare Representative  
Cesar Afanador, Citizen Member  
Theresa Marlow, Animal Services Manager - Non-Voting Member  
Steve Tuttle, Citizen Member  
Diane Harris, Animal Welfare Representative

**Members Absent:**

Susan Morris, Environmental Health Division  
Dr. Davis Langford, Retired Veterinarian

**A. Review & Approve Minutes**

I move to approve the minutes of the Sept 7, 2022, meeting as presented.

Motion by Rita Weaver, second by Steve Tuttle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Dr Patricia Richardson, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Theresa Marlowe

**3. PRESENTATION(S)**

No Presentations

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr Richardson advised that there were no formal Committee reports. Dr. Langford who could not attend this evening, asked that it be announced he is planning an Education Subcommittee meeting this winter. He also asked that an issue be raised and discussed about the need to have paid veterinary services at the shelter.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Shelter Update**

Steve Walker gave an overview on the progress of the shelter. Theresa Marlow gave a detailed report on the status of intakes and adoptions. It was reported that there were 256 intakes at the shelter during the first month of operations. There were 52 adoptions and 29 animals returned to owners during this time. The board discussed concern for maintaining the capacity of care based on national standards if this trend continues. The board also acknowledged a need for additional resources to support the shelter and *emphasized the need for paid veterinary services to help avoid delays in animal adoptions*. A motion was made to address this.

I make a motion that we ask Pat to draft a letter to the Commissioners on behalf of the ACAB requesting additional staffing and funding support for the shelter.

Motion by Diane Harris, second by Rita Weaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Dr Patricia Richardson, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Theresa Marlowe

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Meeting Calendar 2023**

I move to approve the 2023 calendar year meeting dates with changes as noted.

Motion by Steve Tuttle, second by Rita Weaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Dr Patricia Richardson, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Theresa Marlowe

## **7. BOARD MEMBER TIME**

Cesar Afanador asked about the training program for the volunteers and if it would be in the form of a written document or video. He suggested that current technology (*such as electric vehicles that have a "Dog Mode" function*) be considered *when updating the existing animal control ordinances before sharing them with the ACAB*. He also asked if the Board is going to be able to see the updated ordinances for the County.

Diane Harris asked if the ordinances have changed since 2017.

Steve Tuttle shared that he visited the shelter today and is excited for their success.

Rita Weaver advised that she met with the Maryland State Secretary of Agriculture and shared information about the trailer provided that is teaching kids with hands on experience about farming and where their food comes from. She shared that the Secretary of Agriculture

reiterated that there is a lack of veterinarians all through the United States and the Federal Government is looking at grants and ways to help alleviate the shortage.

Dr. Richardson shared how impressed she was with Shelter staff and the compassion that was displayed when working with Omar, the dog, and teaching students on how to examine new arrivals to identify potential health issues.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments

## **9. ADJOURN**

### **A. Adjourn**

I move to adjourn the meeting at 1857.

Motion by Rita Weaver, second by Steve Tuttle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Dr Patricia Richardson, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Theresa Marlowe

Darlene Mund Recorder

Minutes approved by Animal Control Advisory Board on March 1, 2023.