

**Animal Control Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Steve Tuttle

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Cesar Afanador, Citizen Member
Steve Tuttle, Chair of the Animal Control Advisory Board
Diane Harris, Animal Welfare Representative
Rita Weaver, Vice Chairperson
Susan Morris, Environmental Health Division
Theresa Marlowe, Animal Shelter Manager
Molly Schmeiser, Citizen Member

Members Not Present

Dr. David Langford, Retired Veterinarian

A. Review & Approve Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the Jan 03, 2024, meeting as presented.

Motion by Rita Weaver, second by Molly Schmeiser.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

3. PRESENTATION(S)

A. TNR Ear Tipping Policy

Joy Wilson gave an overview and answered the Board's questions about the proposed guideline for the TNR Ear Tipping policy.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Education and Outreach Subcommittee

Rita Weaver gave an update on Dr. Langford's behalf on the recent visit to the Linda Kelley Animal Shelter in Calvert County. Dr. Krasznyay attended the visit and asked questions about the setting up of medical procedures.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Annual Report 2023

I move to approve the 2023 Annual Report as presented.

Motion by Rita Weaver, second by Cesar Afanador.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

B. Shelter Update

Theresa Marlow gave an update on the statistics and outcomes from the shelter for January & February 2024. She also introduced Dr. Krasznay, the new part-time Vet for the Animal Shelter. Theresa gave information on the new Good Pup program that has been started at the Shelter for not only new adopters but anyone who wants to sign up from the public.

7. BOARD MEMBER TIME

- Cesar Afanador thanked Gerald Gardiner for providing so much information to the Board regarding By Laws & Resolutions.
- Diane Harris echoed Cesar comments and thanked Gerald for all he had done. She expressed her desire to have a more direct line of communication with the County Commissioners. Diane questioned the feeding of the cats at Passive Park and again asked for clarification on why it could not work.
- Molly Schmeiser thanked the County Attorney for all her work, and advised she was looking forward to the training on March 13th. She also thanked Rita & Steve for their comments, kindness and professional attitude towards her and the members of the Board.
- Rita Weaver reminded members that if they have not signed up for the training on March 13th, please do so. She encouraged anyone who has not already attended a Citizens Academy to also do so. The Academy is designed to give a better understanding of how things work inside County Government and why they are done in a certain way.
- Steve Tuttle reiterated that as the chairperson, he is there to listen to everyone's concerns. He is working to establishment a more direct line with the County Commissioners to be able to voice the Boards concerns.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melinda Brown
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Drema Ballengee-Grunst
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9. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 18:28.

Motion by Diane Harris, second by Rita Weaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rita Weaver, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser

Darlene Mund Recorder

Min approved by the Animal Control Advisory Board on May 1, 2024.