



**ANIMAL PROTECTION & CONTROL
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2013**

In Attendance:

Pat Jollota
Sue Svendsen
Pat Vichas
Dr Liz Grauer
Terri Jones
Holly Blosser
Bobbi Olson
Roxanne Trusty

Staff:

Paul Scarpelli – Animal Control Manager

Lisa Feder - Shelter Operations Manager

Bridget Murphy – Office Staff

Trish Kraff – Animal Control Officer

Debra Quinn – City Attorney

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was formally called to order at 6:32 pm.

Reading and approval of the October 2013 minutes:

The meeting minutes were approved as written.

Public Forum

Robert Lowery a citizen talked about his concerns with off leash dogs at public parks, especially the Salmon Creek Trail. He stated that is does understand our limitations with our current number of officers. Liz Grauer asked if he thought it could be due to the parks fee being recently dropped. Paul Scarpelli confirmed that we will be issuing citations since the time for warnings has been given out long enough and people know that it is not legal to let the dogs off leash. Paul is hoping that during the summer the Officers walk the trails or team up and each take an end of trail to meet up in the middle. Officer Kraff said that in the past the officers would have their staff meetings in various parks to add extra patrols.

II. Discussion Items:

Election was held for Chair and Co-Chair. Pat Jollota will remain at Chair Person and Sue Svendson will be Co-Chair Person.

Paul Scarpelli discussed the 2013 Annual Review and going over the years averages with regards to phones, licensing, expenses and revenues. He will be taking the statistics to the BOCC. Paul pointed out that per code any revenues received stays with Animal Control.

Animal Control has a new truck on order but it will not be the same model as the other new trucks we purchased. Paul informed the board that he figured out the average number of Officers we have on any given day and the average for the year is that we have 2.2 officers a day.

Lisa Feder reported on the SWWHS stats – refer to your copy of reports. She said average stay for cats at the shelter is 27 days and the average stay for dogs is 13 days.

The humane society has hired a Certified Animal Behaviorist her name is Carmen LaBlanc.

Debra Quinn the attorney for the City of Vancouver and Officer Trisha Kraff went over the proposed changes to the city codes. The Dangerous Dog code being the most changed. Trisha Kraff went over each of the highlighted areas in the code and explained the changes that needed to be done. Refer to your handouts.

Paul Scarpelli asked the board for approval of the changes being made, Sue Svendson and Terrie Jones 2nd the motion. All were in favor with the exception of Bobbie Olson, she abstained stating she wanted to read the proposed changes in more detail due to the fact of not being able prior to the meeting.

Paul made the announcement that the next board meeting on April 24, 2014 will be held at the PSC building at 1300 Franklin on the 6th floor.

Shirley Malar and Greg Fishback will not be on the board any longer and their positions are open. Paul touched on the applicants available so far and there were some questions with regards to the qualifications of them with respect to the individual positions.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Hearing Tribunal

No appeals.