

Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council
January 17, 2012
Minutes

Call to Order: 7:02p.m. at the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center, 884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Present: Gail LaBerge (Chairman), Tricia Smith, Gloria Kennedy, Clara Seals, Carla Brown, Lt. Mary Lou Respass (advisor), Dr. Lorie Chandler (advisor) and Theresa Cox (Attorney)

Absent: Tim Montgomery

Opening Remarks by Gail LaBerge, Chairman: Welcomed everyone and explained the procedure for public comments.

Approval of Agenda – Clara Seals made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Carla Brown. Agenda was approved 5- 0.

Read/Correct Minutes for April 19, 2011 – Clara Seals made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Gloria Kennedy. Vote 5 - 0

Election of Chairman and Secretary: Clara Seals made the motion that Gail LaBerge be Chairman. The motion failed for lack of a second. As a full board was not present, Carla Brown requested that elections not go forward. Tricia Smith made a motion to table the election until April 17, 2011 when a full board is present. Second by Carla Brown. Vote 5 – 0.

Announcements – The GA Department of AG companion Animal Advisory Board toured the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center and the CAAAB was impressed with both the Shelter and the programs the Shelter has started.

Shelter Report – Lt. Respass gave the year end shelter report. There was improvement in 2011 compared to the 2010 data. Gwinnett County has formed a partnership with Hills and Petco to help with food and adoptions of animals. There are two classes being taught at the Shelter with 72 dogs in attendance. There will be a class offered in March at the Police Training Center in March. More information will be available in February.

Public Comment – Thirteen (13) members of the public were present and one (1) spoke concerning the “skittish policy”.

Old Business:

Status of By-Law Recommendation to Commissioners – In October 2010 the recommendations by the GAAC were given to Mary Lou Respass and she gave them to the Chief of Police. The Chairman also sent them to the County Administrator. Carla Brown made a motion to ask why our By-Laws didn’t reach the Commissioners. Clara Seals seconded. Vote 5 – 0. Carla Brown made a motion to disband ourselves (GAAC) immediately. There was no second and the motion died.

New Business:

Marketing for the Shelter – Gail LaBerge made a motion that the GAAC write a letter to the Task Force concerning establishing a Face Book page through Gwinnett County and have one or two volunteers from the Shelter monitor and update it daily. Second by Gloria Kennedy. Vote 5 – 0. The Gwinnett Animal Task Force was thanked for attending and encouraged to ask any members of the GAAC questions.

Remaining GAAC meeting dates for 2012 are: April 17, July 17 and October 16

Public Comment – Four (4) members of the public spoke concerning the barking dog ordinance, health of animals in the Shelter and the adoption of animals that appear to have respiratory problems, new methods of keeping diseases from spreading throughout the Shelter.

Adjournment – Carla Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clara Seals seconded. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Smith