

Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council
October 18, 2011
Minutes

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m. at the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center, 884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Present: Gail LaBerge (Chairman), Tricia Smith, Gloria Kennedy, Tim Montgomery, Clara Seals, Lt. Mary Lou Respass (advisor) and Theresa Cox (Attorney)

Absent: Carla Brown

Opening Remarks by Gail LaBerge, Chairman:

Approval of Agenda – Clara Seals made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim Montgomery seconded. Agenda was approved, 5-0.

Read/Correct Minutes for April 19, 2011 – Correction of the spelling of Clara Seals last name from Sells to Seals. Motion to accept the minutes after corrections are made by Tim Montgomery. Seconded by Clara Seals. Vote 5-0

Announcements – Gail LaBerge shared that the Commissioner of AG had created a Department of AG Companion Animal Advisory Council and she had been asked to serve on it. Gail also announced that the Alpha Canine Search and Rescue Group received a grant from the American Kennel Club Companion Recovery Search and Rescue Fund which was presented by the Governor in August at the Capitol. The Neurology Department at UGA Vet School had two grants from the AKC Canine Health Foundation Fund.

Shelter Report – Lt. Respass gave the shelter report. Lt. Respass shared information about the CLASS program and how it taught dogs to get along in a family setting, that the shelter and Petco on Pleasant Hill Road are partnering together to increase the adoption of cats, and there are 30 volunteers helping with the animals and programs. The shelter has been authorized to fill vacant positions at the shelter.

Public Comment – No public comments.

Old Business:

Disaster Plan – The GAAC is waiting to see what Gwinnett County tells Mary Lou Respass.

New Business:

Commissioner Mike Beaudreau asked, for and the Commissioner's appointed, a task force to review the shelter and bylaws of the Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council. The task force has not completed their study.

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

Public Comment -3 (three) members of the public spoke about using a Face Book page as a way of promoting animals for adoption. Tim Montgomery encouraged citizens to use private Face Book pages to post pictures of animals available for adoption. Tim also stress the importance of keeping them updated.

Adjournment – Clara Seals made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim Montgomery seconded. Approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Smith