

Gwinnett County Animal Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center
844 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville

Members Present:

Kelly Alder, Vice Chair	Angie Peevy
Donald Bush	Jon Richards
Elizabeth Burgner	Tatiana Romeo
Dr. Solveig Evans	Jane Stewart
James Freeman	Joel Taylor, Chairman
Wanda Johnson	Dr. Wayne Wallis

Members Absent:

Dr. Cathy Fish
Curtis Northrup
Suzanne Pruitt
Pattie Szanti

Staff Present:

Lt. Mary Respass, Animal Welfare and Enforcement Unit
Theresa Cox, Law Department
Shaunieka Taste, Public Relations Coordinator, Communications Division

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes from December 27, 2011

Motion to Approve: James Freeman

Second: Jon Richards

Vote: 12-0

IV. Committee Member Discussion

A. Input on ATF Structure Expectations

- Gail LaBerge, Chairman of the Animal Advisory Council, was introduced. Ms. LaBerge offered her assistance to the Task Force in providing any information they needed from the Animal Advisory Council.
- Kelly Alder was volunteered and was appointed as Vice Chair of the Task Force.
- Shaunieka Taste, Public Relations Coordinator with the Communication Division gave a brief overview to Task Members about the assistance Communications could provide to the Task Force with its webpage and marketing strategies.

- Theresa Cox gave a brief explanation of the differences between the Policy and Program Subcommittees. The Task Force Members also had a discussion among the Members on how these two subcommittees might overlap and at what areas each should examine.

V. Subcommittees

A. Member Assignments

Members selected subcommittees:

- Program Subcommittee – Tatiana Romeo, Kelly Alder, Elizabeth Burgner, Dr. Solveig Evans, and Wanda Johnson
- Partnership Subcommittee – Suzanne Pruitt, Curtis Northrup, Wanda Johnson, and Jane Stewart
- Policy Subcommittee – Dr. Cathy Fish, Jane Stewart, Curtis Northrup, Donald Bush, and Kelly Alder
- Structure Subcommittee – Dr. Wayne Wallis, Jon Richards, James Freeman, Angie Peevy

Member, Patti Szanti, still to be assigned.

B. Expectations and Deliverables Discussion

- Meeting was adjourned for a 15 minute recess at 7:34 p.m. for subcommittees to briefly meet and set up meeting times.
- Meeting was reconvened at 7:52 p.m.
- Theresa Cox informed the Task Force the Board of Commissioners had voted to remove and not fill the vacant spot on the Task Force.
- Mr. Richards offered ideas about doing a survey or surveys to gather information and volunteered to put the survey(s) together. Mr. Richards asked the subcommittees to come up with questions which the subcommittees would like included in the survey(s). Ms. Taste informed the committee that Gwinnett County had an account with survey monkey. The members also discussed how to disseminate the survey. Ms. Cox was asked to follow-up about the use of email addresses and the Open Records Act.

C. Meetings: schedules, subcommittee chairs and reporting

- Chairman Taylor requested that the subcommittees appoint a Chair and email the chair's name, meeting dates, times, and locations to Theresa Cox.

VI. Next ATF group Meeting

January 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

VII. Public Comment

Seven members of the public spoke: Diane Korom, Stephanie Fry, Karen Meredith, Bara Thompson, Karen Ragusa, Randy DeCarlo, and Joyce Kreching.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion – Jon Richards

Second – Elizabeth Burgner

Vote: 12-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.