

**Gwinnett County Animal Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 27, 2011  
Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center  
844 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville**

**Members Present:**

Kelly Alder	Angie Peevy
Donald Bush	Suzanne Pruitt
Elizabeth Burgner	Jon Richards
Dr. Solveig Evans	Tatiana Romeo
Dr. Cathy Fish	Jane Stewart
James Freeman	Joel Taylor, Chairman
Wanda Johnson	Dr. Wayne Wallis
Curtis Northrup	Pattie Szanti

**Staff Present:**

Lt. Mary Respass, Animal Welfare and Enforcement Unit  
Theresa Cox, Law Department

**I. Introduction and Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – Motion to Approve – Donald Bush, Second – Curtis Northrup, Approved 16-0.

**II. Overview**

Theresa Cox presented a brief overview of the Task Force's Objectives as outlined in Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners creating the Animal Task Force.

**III. Organizational Issues**

The Task Force briefly discussed meeting structure but wanted to wait until the members had a chance to review the information provided in the informational notebooks provided as well as the information provided by Lt. Respass on the operations of the Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center.

**IV. Presentation of Information**

Lt. Respass gave a presentation concerning the structure and operations of the Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement Unit.

**V. Future Plans**

Theresa Cox provided a brief overview of the expected final written report and deliverables as outlined in the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners and informed the Task Force that the Board of Commissioners had extended the final report deadline until March 31, 2012. Ms. Cox also briefly described the subcommittees and their goals and objectives. The Task Force set the next meeting for January 3, 2012. The Chairman asked that members come prepared to the next meeting with a list of their preferences for the subcommittees that each member would like to serve on.

**VI. Public Comment**

Two members of the public spoke: Erin Sauter and Joyce Kreching.

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn: Motion –James Freeman, Second – Tatiana Romeo, Approved 16-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.