

Unofficial Minutes March 20, 2017
Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council
75 Langley Dr.
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Members present:

Marcia Bumbalough Chair
Jim Poe
Carla Brown
Gail LaBerge
Curtis Northrup
Brittany Carter

Staff present:

Curt Harrell
Tuwanda Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

I. Introduction and welcome invitation for audience guests to sign up to speak during Citizen Comment portion of agenda

Chairman Bumbalough suggested amending the agenda to the following:

- II. Amend agenda
- III. Approval of agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes
- V. Council Member comments/ introductions
- VI. Shelter Update
- VII. Old Business a.) Election of Officers, b.) Set future meeting dates.
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

II. Amend agenda: Motion by Chairman Bumbalough, second by Curtis Northrup. It was approved unanimously

III. Approval of agenda: It was approved unanimously

IV. Approval of the minutes: Motion by Gail LaBerge, second by Carla Brown. It was approved unanimously.

V. Council Member comments/ introductions:

Carla Brown stated that someone is needed to volunteer to be a fundraising/events coordinator. Contact her if interested. Also she wanted everyone to remember that the shelter is open on Mondays.

Jim Poe stated that we need to make the shelter more appealing as you drive by and also as you enter the facility. He had several pictures and ideas. He also stated that the current 21 day hold on livestock is too long and needs to be changed.

He made a motion to petition the commissioners to change the ordinance to a hold of only 5 days. It was seconded by Gail LaBerge and passed unanimously.

VI. Shelter Update: Curt Harrell stated that the Shelter Buddy update had been completed and animals on the website should be updated much more quickly.

He also informed us that Martin Motray will now be the Training Officer. A new schedule for training will also be in effect.

The new vans are coming along nicely. They are larger and we should take delivery of three of them in six to seven weeks.

Man power is good. One of the officers will become a community relations officer.

Shelter baffling has been approved by the commissioners to reduce sound in the shelter.

The UGA spay/neuter program cooperation is going well. A second surgery suite has been approved.

VII. Old Business :

a.) Election of Officers:

Chairman: Carla Brown nominated Jim Poe. There were no other nominations and he was approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman: Gail LaBerge nominated Marcia Bumbalough. There were no other nominations and she was approved unanimously.

Secretary: Marcia Bumbalough nominated Gail LaBerge. There were no other nominations and she was approved unanimously.

b.) Set future meeting dates: The following dates were selected:

May twenty second, 2017

July seventeenth, 2017

October sixteenth, 2017

VIII. Citizen comments

Sheri Mansky stated that she had several questions for Curt Harrell

Lila Hunter stated that she saw where Canton had passed an ordinance prohibiting puppy and kitten sales. She would like to see a similar ordinance in Gwinnett. She would also like citizens to contact the Commissioner and their elected officials to oppose amendments to HB50 of HB40 in the state legislature.

Susan Ruelle stated that she is happy that the shelter is open longer and that pictures are coming more quickly of animals to be adopted. Also, the website

appears to be wrong with regard to the number of positions on the Animal Advisory Council.

Nahum Nicholas stated that she had asked that the budget be explained. Marcia Bumbalough explained that it was not on this agenda because this was a called meeting and that we would review it at the next meeting. She also requested that everyone call their commissioners and request funding for a full time veterinarian in the next budget. She also asked for the shelter statistics.

John Coady asked why they were telling the public it is a no kill shelter when signage clearly indicates it is not. He also asked who is evaluating animals for orange cards. He also wanted to know how are they killing cats. Lastly, he asked why he was let go as a volunteer?

Elizabeth Burgner wanted to know what happens to citizen comments? Where do the questions go? Gail LaBerge stated that she gives a summary to her commissioner. Carla Brown stated that she speaks frequently with her commissioner about the issues. It was also pointed out that the minutes are posted online and are available for the commissioners to review.

IX. Adjournment: Gail LaBerge made the motion to adjourn and Carla Brown seconded it. It was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.