



Forsyth County Animal Services Advisory Board

January 16, 2019

6:00 - 7:30 PM
5570 Sturmer Park Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Bill Cowan, Chair
Mitch Cromer, Vice Chair
Terry Jessup
Amy Pugh, DVM
Cristina Griffin
P.J. Lofland
Joseph Chrobak
Chad Griffin
Erin Turner
Michelle Connelly

Members Present

P.J. Lofland	Erin Turner	Michelle Connelly
Joseph Chrobak	Terry Jessup	Bill Cowan
Mitch Cromer	Amy Pugh	

Staff Present

Capt. Van Loveland
Tonya Ward

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Bill Cowan. Staff advised that both Chad Griffin and Cristina Griffin had called and said they were unable to attend the meeting this evening.
- Approval of meeting minutes November 16, 2019
MOTION: Terry Jessup made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by PJ Lofland and the minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Advisory Board Bylaws***

Captain Loveland advised the Board that his recommendations to the Commissioners included the following changes to County ordinances: changing Animal Control to Animal Services, changing "Director" to "Commander", changing the Board position of "non-pet owner" to "non-pet owner OR owner of an animal related business". There was discussion of these changes, especially the possible change of the "non-pet owner" position. Additionally, the discussion was continued from the previous meeting regarding the Board's scope of responsibility on Dangerous Dog or Potentially Dangerous Dog Declarations. Members serving on a Tribunal can affirm or rescind declarations. They may make recommendations for Preventative Measures which will be considered by the Division Commander.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Rabies Clinic***

The first Rabies Clinic of 2020 is planned for Saturday, March 14th. One and three year vaccines will be available as well as spay/neuter vouchers for low income Forsyth County residents. Board members asked about local veterinarians accepting the vouchers and staff said there has been some difficulty as some vet offices are reluctant to accept vouchers due to the possibility of unvaccinated/sick animals but FCAS continues to reach out to veterinarians. Bill Cowan said he would like to have an in-depth discussion of rabies laws and the enforcement of those laws at the next meeting.

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and members for the Tribunal Hearings for February 20th was discussed. Amy Pugh, Michelle Connelly, and Chad Griffin said they were available to serve in February.

- ***Annual Report and Board Communication***

Bill Cowan asked about an Annual Report for 2019. Captain Loveland stated that the Sheriff's Office completes Annual Reports the following year so he will be working on the 2019 Report and compiling statistics. Bill expressed concern regarding communication between the Board and the Commissioners. Captain Loveland suggested either the Chair or the Vice Chair be responsible for communication as Animal Services staff is not able to serve as a go-between. The duty of Animal Services staff is to schedule the Board meeting and maintain the minutes, the Board is responsible for all direct communication with Commissioners.

ADJOURN

MOTION: With no further business Bill Cowan asked for a motion to adjourn. PJ Lofland made the motion, which was seconded by Michelle Connelly. Bill Cowan adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.