

Minutes of the Animal Services Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
Garland, Texas
April 16, 2010

The Animal Services Advisory Committee of Garland, Texas convened for a meeting at 12:30 pm on Friday, April, 2010 in the City Council Work Session Room at City Hall with the following members present:

Pat Fowler, Chairperson
Dennis Wooten
Renee Ramey
Debbie Stout
Yvette Diaz

Staff Present:

Jason Chessher, Deputy Director of Health
Diana Oats, Animal Services Manager

- Agenda Item 1: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pat Fowler at 12:30 pm.
- Agenda Item 2: Committee Member Dr. Debbie Stout made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 15, 2010 meeting and Committee Member Renee Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Agenda Item 3: After a brief discussion, Dennis Wooten moved to table the election of a vice chairperson until the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Agenda Item 4: Diana Oats provided an overview of grant opportunities available for the Garland Animal Shelter.
- Agenda Item 5: Diana Oats provided an update of community outreach activities coordinated by ASO Luis Martinez. Specifically, Diana discussed the recent success of the animal rescue program and outreach activities associated with local community service organizations.
- Agenda Item 6: Diana Oats and Jason Chessher briefed the Committee on the 2009 bite statistics and euthanasia statistics based on the three month period since the implementation of the revised euthanasia policy.
- Agenda Item 7: Jason Chessher discussed the status of the pit bull fencing policy and the anticipated implementation date of August 1, 2010. The

issue of pit bull dog adoptions based on the fencing policy was also discussed.

Agenda Item 8: Diana Oats discussed the status of food donations to the Shelter and the funding source for purchase of animal food if donations become inadequate.

Agenda Item 9: Public Comments:

Verbal Comments

Lee Lutz provided verbal comments related to Committee updates to the City Council, grant opportunities and funding, availability of training resources, euthanasia, and animal rescue efforts.

Paul Breitzman provided verbal comments on the availability of briefing materials to the public prior to meetings and the difficulties of making breed determinations for mixed breed dogs.

Nicole McGuire provided verbal comments on the Garland Animal Shelter and the holding times/review times for animals held in the Shelter.

Positions Registered

Michelle Ferrer registered her position against carbon monoxide euthanasia.

Agenda Item 8: Future Agenda Items & Meeting Schedule: Chairperson Pat Fowler directed staff to schedule an update of the Committee's activities to the City Council and to have a standing agenda update on the construction of a new shelter.

Chairperson Pat Fowler directed staff to coordinate the scheduling of the next regular meeting at 12:30 on Friday, July 16, 2010.

Agenda Item 9: Chairperson Fowler adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.