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Animal Shelter Board Meeting

11 Aug. 2020

Zoom Meeting at 6 pm

The Animal Shelter Board met on 11 Aug. 2020 at 6 pm by Zoom meeting.

Chairman Mike Barnett called meeting to order. Chairman Barnett asked for roll call. Members present was Chairman Mike Barnett, Dr. Bob Acuff, Kelly Collins, Sonja Culler, Mike Simerly, Wes Frazier and Kim Birchfield joined a few minutes late. All members was present.

Minutes was presented. Sonja Culler made a motion to accept minutes as presented by email, second by Dr. Bob Acuff. All voted aye, non opposed.

Chairman Barnett asked director to give shelter updates,

Director Shannon Posada stated the shelter remains to work by appointments only. Posada stated the adoption by appointment is very successful.

Posada stated the shelter is seeing an increase in puppies at this time. Posada stated the shelter is receiving kittens daily as well.

Director Posada said as far as old issues that need to be addressed remain with the newly built dog runs. Posada stated she isn't sure if the grinder pump has been fixed by TradeMark due to a leak that appears to be coming from under the kennels. Posada stated she has spoken with Travis from TradeMark on multiple occasions about both existing issues. Posada stated she spoke with Travis today who stated he had contacted the plumber again. Posada stated the issue with the leak has been ongoing for about three weeks with new leak. Director Posada stated she would keep board members updated on current issue.

Director Posada stated the spay and Neuter program with ASPCA of Asheville has reopened, in which the shelter staff is very Thankful for. Director Posada stated at this time spay and neuters are at no cost to the shelter. Posada stated herself and another staff member usually take 20 to 30 pets per trip for altering.

Director Posada explained a new program through ASPCA of Asheville. The new program is a community feral cat program that is offered through participating shelters as a community program. Posada stated the program is absolutely free to the community. Posada stated the program would allow feral cats to have a rabies vaccination, ear tip and spayed or neutered. Posada stated she had spoken with attorney Josh Hardin about transporting the animals in the van donated by the Taylor/Delawder estate. Attorney Hardin recommended obtaining

permission from county commission to use county shelter van to transport for the community feral cat program. All board members was in agreement of presenting request to county commission and moving forward with program. Director Posada stated she would ask to be placed on agenda to explain program to county commission.

Posada stated she was thankful the shelter budget was passed. Posada stated that she and her staff would do everything possible to save tax payers dollars in the upcoming fiscal year.

Posada stated the shelter staff has remained healthy during the COVID pandemic. Posada stated the shelter staff clean the shelter daily with a specific cleaner for Corona and other related viruses.

Director Posada aske permission from the shelter board to remain working by appointment only to the public. Posada said she wished there was a safer way to allow the public to visit, but unfortunately due to COVID virus this is the safest way for the shelter to keep a healthy staff and safe environment for adopters. Sonja Culler made a motion for the shelter to remain open to the public by appointment only and was second by Dr. Bob Acuff. All voted aye, none opposed.

Chairman Mike Barnett had asked if a fall rabies clinic would be beneficial to the community it was hosted at the animal shelter. Board members discussed issues with the local veterinarian offices remaining to work with limited services. Director Posada stated the shelter had received calls concerning local rabies clinics. Director Posada stated normal Rabies clinics was held in May, but due to the corona virus, was cancelled. Board members agreed to revisit the idea of a much needed rabies clinic in fall sponsored by the Friends of the Shelter group.

Mike Simerly asked director Posada if the shelter was still honoring a veteran adopting a pet through Veterans Buddies at non charge. Director Posada stated, yes the shelter is still honoring the program working with Veterans Buddies to adopt a selected pet at no charge to our veterans in our community. Director Posada stated she would reach out to Veterans Buddies in the coming days to see how the shelter could be of any more help to them.

Next meeting was schedule 8 Sep. 2020 and due to virus may be in Mayors conference room or by zoom.

Motion was made by Mike Barnett to adjourn meeting and second by Wes Frazier.

Approved

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