



**Animal Care & Control
Advisory Board
July 20, 2009**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Ray Aboyan, Amy Draeger, Maureen Haggerty, Kimberly Culbertson, Anne Hendrickson, Paula Denman, Lori Olson, Dan Niziolek, Tom Doty

Absent: Rachel Anderson, Mary Lind, Shannon McKenzie, Trisha Moreland, Peter "Peat" Willcutt

Discussion:

Lori Olson, Deputy Director of Environmental Management, welcomed the group

Lori discussed the 2010 budget and its impact on Animal Control. The mayor will be making an announcement in mid-August. Regulatory Services is optimistic that they will not lose any positions. Animal Control is looking at applying for some CBDG money for a police officer to be assigned to animal control. Regulatory Services also requested an additional full-time employee with the title of Pet Licensing Coordinator to work on increasing the number of pet licenses issued as well as grants, volunteers and other special projects. Ultimately, this position would pay for itself.

Lori provided an update on Animal Control's website. The Animal Control website is the 5th most used site of all City of Minneapolis web pages. In tandem with online pet licensing going live, Animal Control is working to update the entire website. Advisory board information will be a part of the updated site. Lori passed around the Advisory Board roster for people to update and correct. Lori also requested rescue group pictures from the group. Please ensure that Animal Control has permission from any people who may appear in the pictures. Animal Control would also like to include a "responsible pet ownership" page that would be sponsored by the Advisory Board.

Dr. Kimberly Culbertson, DVM with the Animal Humane Society, gave a presentation on the benefits and drawbacks of spaying and neutering

Maureen Haggerty, founder and head trainer for The Canine Coach, LLC gave a presentation on dog behavior awareness.

Dan Niziolek, Manager of Animal Care and Control, gave a presentation on Pet Licensing. Currently, less than 10% of the pet population is licensed. Dan presented some initiatives that will help us increase that number.

The group agreed to meet in August for small group work to discuss the top two prioritized initiatives to identify specific projects related to these initiatives – pet licensing and canine behavior awareness.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.