



**Animal Care & Control
Advisory Board
February 23, 2009**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Ray Aboyan, Amy Draeger, Shannon McKenzie, Rachel Anderson, Maureen Haggerty, Trisha Moreland, Kimberly Culbertson, Anne Hendrickson, Peter "Peat" Willcutt, Mary Lind, Lori Olson, Dan Niziolek, Tom Doty

Guests attending: Mary Britton Clause

Absent: Paula Denman

Discussion:

Lori Olson, Deputy Director of Environmental Management, welcomed the new board members; all attendees introduced themselves

Lori reviewed the Council resolution with the group.

Lori presented the Animal Control organizational chart and gave an overview of 2008 performance measures. Each board member will receive a monthly and a yearly performance report.

Dan Niziolek, Manager of Animal Care and Control, presented the 2008 Dangerous Animal Enforcement improvements. Members suggested a glossary of terms might be helpful in understanding what constitutes a dangerous animal vs. a potentially dangerous animal as well as bite vs. serious bite, etc.... Also suggested a report with more demographic information on dangerous dogs (i.e.: breed, sex, ward, criminal activity of household, etc...)

Dan discussed the proposed ordinance amendment allowing beekeeping in Minneapolis. Currently it is allowed in St Paul. Dan wants to move forward in April on this ordinance. Dan would like information from board members on possible contacts who could advise on what should be considered in making a decision on the proposed amendment.

Dan discussed starting a Chicken Task Force. He would like to form a work group of members who can provide input on process improvement for licensing and inspecting fowl. Dan asked the Advisory Board to identify potential members of the work group. Please contact Dan with suggestions.

Lori provided a brief summary of upcoming items that will be discussed by the Board. Topics include a \$25,000 appropriation for neuter/spay with the AHS mobile unit, the implementation of on-line pet licensing, work on a donations resolution, and holding a Spring or Summer cat "sale".

It was determined that the Advisory Board will hold an April meeting, date and time to be determined.

The group discussed the Advisory Board meeting schedule. We will meet quarterly. Meetings will be held on Mondays and we will alternate between the mornings and afternoons. The Advisory Board will hold an April meeting, date and time to be determined.

Suggestions for future agenda items were provided by the group. Suggestions included outreach/community education on responsible pet ownership as well as educating children on interacting appropriately with animals, and increasing the number of partnerships Animal Control maintains with rescue agencies.

The meeting concluded with a tour of the Animal Control shelter.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.