

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Clark County Government Center
500 South Grand Central Parkway, ETD Room 3
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
March 25, 2002
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: HENDERSON, DAVID
 HOFF, KARIN
 NOSEK, BARBARA
 RIVKIN, SAMUEL

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.

3. Approval of February 25, 2002 Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes was made and seconded.

4. Animal Sheltering Update

County staff is waiting for information from the three entities. Until we have specific information, staff recommends not scheduling a meeting. A special meeting can be called and noticed when there is additional information. BARBARA NOSEK asked how committed the other entities are to a regional shelter. Staff reiterated that meetings are still taking place with the other entities so the outlook is favorable.

SAM RIVKIN thought the Committee was going to give an opinion on the regional shelter options. Staff informed the Committee that as soon as all the information is put together, it would be brought before the Committee for input and then given to the Board of County Commissioners with the Committee's recommendations.

The exotic ordinance is currently on hold pending the addition of an Animal Control Officer position. We are waiting for a final decision. Staffing has been on hold and going into the new department, and we hope they will look at existing positions, the needs, priorities and possible allocations. Hopefully we will know by May.

5. Information-sharing by Committee Members

Animal Control, Public Response, and the Neighbor Justice Center are moving into a new department. Public Response, Park Police and Animal Control are being teamed together to make a large outreach enforcement branch. Animal Control is working with Park Police to add dispatch capability to their division. We are in the middle of this consolidation process and the new department has not yet been named. The Director of Parks is over Animal Control.

The Silver State Kennel Dog Show will be held on April 6 and 7 at Cheyenne Sports Club with over 1,700 dogs there. Admission is free but there may be trouble finding parking.

5. Comments by the General Public

JUDITH RUIZ has completed statistics on animals for all jurisdictions. All areas but Boulder city had an increase in euthanasias and fewer adoptions. JOE BOTEILHO mentioned the importance of looking at the population numbers when we look at statistics such as these. Population has increased from 588,000 to 636,000 in 1 year's time and for us to hold the line at less euthanasia per 1,000 in impounds is notable. Euthanasia per 1000 residents give a good idea of population growth. Sterilization is important. The annual campaign has 700 vouchers redeemed to date and the veterinarians have until July to submit vouchers for payment. Mesquite has grown unbelievably over the last three years and their statistical data should be included. The Las Vegas Valley Humane Society has not committed to a certain number of vouchers. One of the veterinarians has purchased a mobile clinic and they have scheduled to use it every week or two in mobile home parks.

Dr. Myra Glassman wanted to let everyone know The Mermaid Café restaurant in the Lakes lets you bring your dogs along. They have bowls of water and puppy snacks for dogs and will have a cook to order menu for dogs.

6. Set date, time and agenda of next meeting

No meeting was scheduled at this time.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.