

LEWISVILLE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

995 E. Valley Ridge Dr
Lewisville, TX 75057

January 25, 2022
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Members Present: Denice Crafton, Citizen at Large
Deanna Perkins, Vice-Chairperson, Citizen at Large
Britton Chapman, Citizen at Large
Ronni Cade, Council Representative
Amanda Earl, Chairperson, Animal Services Supervisor, Staff Representative
Beverly Freed, Animal Welfare Organization Representative
Dr. Walter Legg, DVM, Veterinarian Representative

City Staff Present: Ariel Davis, Shelter Clerk
Danni Alcantara, Animal Services Field Supervisor
Jackie Davis, Code and Animal Services Manager
Claire Powell, City Manager

Item #1: Amanda Earl announces a quorum is present and calls the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Item #2: Amanda Earl introduces Claire Powell, newly appointed City Manager. Claire Powell states she is making rounds through each committee and Animal Services is her first. Normally there is an event to meet the City Manager but due to Covid, the event has been canceled. Claire Powell provides members with her work and personal background information. No members have any questions for Claire Powell.

Item #3: Amanda Earl mentions minor changes and inquires if there are any additional adjustments and members discuss. Ronni Cade moves to approve the minutes and Deanna Perkins seconds the motion.

Item #4: Amanda Earl provides members with shelter statistics consisting of intakes and outcomes for cats and dogs and field service calls. Intakes have increased significantly and to compensate, the shelter has been running adoption specials frequently. Members comment about the cause of the increase of intakes such as evictions, cost of living, etc. Ronni Cade inquires what has caused the live release rate to increase with feral cats, Amanda Earl comments that there is no clear reason. Amanda Earl mentions that Danni Alcantara and she will be having a DFW management meeting to discuss these statistics as well. The vacant Animal Services Officer has an applicant in background checks and the vacant part-time shelter attendant position will begin interviews within the next couple of weeks. The newest part-time shelter attendant, Carmen Santos, has hit the ground running at the shelter and has received positive feedback from peers. Staff is still undergoing training in their new responsibilities and

Amanda Earl hopes that by the end of February the shelter will be fully staffed with a total of 15 employees. The Facilities department did a walkthrough of the shelter for an action step for shelter improvements such as painting, hardware replacement, astroturf repair, etc. A request for a surgery suite for pet sterilizations will be likely placed on the bond package within the next 2 years. An Animal Services Officer will have a cradle point installed on their truck to help improve connectivity for the web-based programs utilized by the shelter staff. It is a big concern that the current laptops are not functioning properly as it could cause safety issues when responding to calls. Amanda Earl asks if there are any additional questions and moves on to public comment.

Item #5: Cleve Joiner and Gillian Goldthorpe of 331 N Charles inquire about the animal statistics and Amanda Earl provides clarification. Cleve Joiner and Gillian Goldthorpe speak on their experience of feral cats and offer to provide assistance to the shelter to help with starting the TNR pilot program. Amanda Earl explains that with staff training, staff illness, etc., she has not had time to put together the presentation to council yet. Amanda Earl encourages Gillian Goldthorpe and Cleve Joiner to continue their pursuit of their 501c3 and requests that they allow her the opportunity to present to council before they speak with them. Amanda Earl mentions that it is imperative for the process to be done correctly and that there is community support. Amanda Earl inquires if there are any other questions or public comments, there are none.

Item #6: Amanda Earl offers to set the next date in April and members debate which date works best. Members agree to the date of April 26th.

Item #7: Amanda Earl inquires if everything is concluded and moves to adjourn the meeting. Britton Chapman moves to adjourn and Ronni Cade seconds. The meeting adjourns at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ariel Davis, Animal Services Shelter Clerk

**THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED BY THE CITY OF
LEWISVILLE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**



AMANDA EARL, CHAIRPERSON


DEANNA PERKINS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON