

LEWISVILLE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

995 E. Valley Ridge Dr
Lewisville, TX 75057

April 25, 2023
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Members Present: Denice Crafton, Citizen at Large
Deanna Perkins, Citizen at Large
Beverly Freed, Animal Welfare Organization Representative
Amanda Earl, Chairperson, Animal Services Administrator, Staff Representative
Ronni Cade, Council Representative
James Cooney, Citizen at Large

Members Absent: Britton Chapman, Citizen at Large
Dr. Walter Legg, DVM, Veterinarian Representative

City Staff Present: Danni Alcantara, Animal Services Supervisor
Lacy DeHorney, Animal Services Shelter Clerk
Jackie Davis, Code and Animal Services Manager

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

Item #2: Amanda Earl introduced James Cooney as a new animal services advisory committee member and had each member of the board do a short introduction of themselves. She also advised that Dr. Walter Legg will be resigning his position on the board, so we will be looking for a veterinarian to fill that position.

Item #3: Amanda Earl inquired if members have reviewed the previous minutes. Denice Crafton motions for their approval. Deanna Perkins seconds the motion and the minutes are approved.

Item #4: Amanda Earl provides shelter updates.

- A. The shelter finalized a partnership with Operation Kindness which will assist with live outcomes. They will come in once a week to do surgeries, which saves \$800/ week. They also provide low-cost and no-cost vaccination clinics on a regular basis as well as free microchipping. The contract vet, Dr. Burke, no longer works at Lewisville North Animal Clinic and is now working at Denton Animal Services. She will still be in once a week to do surgeries for us. We will no longer be using Lewisville North for heartworm treatments, so we will begin doing the treatments in-house through Operation Kindness.

- B. Metrics were provided for FY 22 vs FY 23 which shows that stray intakes have increased 33% and euthanasia has increased by 90%. Large dogs are having to be euthanized for space regularly. Owner surrenders are by appointment only and we allow 12/week. Large dog adoptions have been waived for over a year. 60% of the large dogs are on anti-anxiety medications due to over-population in the shelter and we administer around 50 medications per day.
- C. 2 staff members have returned to light duty (1 pending HR approval). The shelter has adjusted its hours on Tuesdays to 12pm-7pm to allow citizens to come in after work hours to hopefully increase adoptions. A city-wide compensation study was completed and all employees received a raise to the living wage.
- D. Blue Ribbon Committee Presentation explained, showing the expansion project for the shelter. The vote will be next May when there is a mayoral election.

Amanda Earl inquires if there are any questions and there are none.

Item #4: Amanda Earl opens the floor for public comments. There are no public comments.

Item #5: Amanda Earl recommends the next meeting date of August 1 at 6:30 pm and all approved.

Item #6: Amanda Earl asks for a motion to adjourn at 6:36 pm. Ronni motions to adjourn and the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lacy DeHorney, Animal Services Shelter Clerk

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

AMANDA EARL, CHAIRPERSON

DEANNA PERKINS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON