

Hampton Animal Control Advisory Committee

-Lawson Conference Room-

Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2019

Present: Jim Thornton, Andy Anderson, Dan Winters, Melanie Paul, Gordy Brightbill, Shelley Keller, Steven Bond, Angela Taylor, (Staff) Annette Oakley [City Manager's Office], Olivia Wiggins [City Attorney's Office], Deborah North [Interpreter], Matthew Cherry and Florence Webb [Guest]

Call to Order & Welcome

Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Review Agenda & Approval of Minutes

Chairman Thornton stated the draft minutes from January 3, 2019, were distributed for review in advance of the meeting. There being no changes, he called for a motion to approve.

ACTION: Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Dan Winters seconded. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Chairman Thornton then reviewed the agenda.

City Manager's Report

Steven Bond stated the first Budget Review Committee meeting was held, which was mainly an organizational meeting; there are no revenue projections at this time. He also informed the committee about the upcoming MLK Memorial and Hampton Heroes dedication, to be held Saturday at 1:00 p.m. It will partly be held inside the Hampton Roads Convention Center due to the weather. He also mentioned the 2019 Commemoration of the landing of the first Africans will be held in August at Fort Monroe.

Animal Control Report

Sarah Woolsey, on behalf of Angela Taylor, provided and reviewed the year-end report with the committee, which is also online (copy on file). Officer Woolsey provided information and answers to questions committee members had related to the report.

Steven Bond stated the City Manager has given the authorization to work on a solution, and staff is working on an RFP, for assistance with cat trapping and removal of dead animals. Ms. Woolsey also mentioned Animal Control will start looking into people that take their pet in to get medications for them, as sometimes they are abusing pet medications for themselves. Ms. Paul suggested this item be added to the agenda at the next meeting.

Current Issues/Trends - No Report

Old Business

2018 ACAC Community Education Forum:

Mr. Anderson displayed and reviewed the participant list for the exhibits. He also reviewed the draft program, assessment sheet and general logistics. Committee members gave input regarding the drafts and minor changes were made. The committee also discussed the poster distribution list. Mr. Anderson asked members to send an

email regarding any other distribution sites they may have. He then provided the updated poster and thanked Ms. Paul for her assistance with the graphics. He also mentioned Hampton Police Division posted information on Facebook. Mr. Bond stated 311 Call Center will get the RSVP numbers to him a week before the event and he will share the information with Mr. Anderson. Chairman Thornton suggested placing posters at the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter. Mr. Brightbill stated he has not yet seen information on e-news. Mr. Bond will check with Robin McCormick about it. Mr. Anderson stated the information is on Hampton Happenings and the City calendar as well. Chairman Thornton thanked Mr. Anderson for his hard work and asked that he please let the committee members know what is needed. Ms. Paul stated the Boy Scouts cannot assist with the event. Mr. Anderson stated if the committee members can come early to assist, to please do so starting at 3:30 p.m.

New Business

Election of Officers: Chairman Thornton called for a motion to open the floor for Election of Officers.

ACTION: Andy Anderson made a motion to open the floor and Dan Winters seconded. A vote was taken and motion passed. Chairman Thornton then called for nominations for Secretary.

ACTION: Shelley Keller volunteered to serve as Secretary. Dan Winters seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Chairman Thornton called for a motion to open the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Andy Anderson made the motion and Gordy Brightbill seconded. A vote was taken and motion passed.

ACTION: Andy Anderson volunteered to serve as Vice Chairman. Dan Winters seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Chairman Thornton called for a motion to open the floor for nominations for Chairman. Andy Anderson made the motion and Shelley Keller seconded. A vote was taken and motion passed.

ACTION: Andy Anderson nominated Jim Thornton to serve as Chairman and Dan Winters seconded. A vote was taken, with Jim Thornton abstaining; motion passed.

Public Comment

Matthew Cherry shared that he had a visit from Animal Control regarding his dog, who loves to be outside, being tethered. He asked that the officers have a degree of common sense in these circumstances, particularly if it's a case of animal cruelty. He also shared a concern of residents having to take care of dead animals. He feels the City should take care of it and keep track of the cost and budget for it each year. Mr. Cherry thanked the committee for their consideration on these matters and for their hard work. Chairman Thornton thanked Mr. Cherry and Ms. Webb for attending, and mentioned that the upcoming forum may be a good opportunity to share information regarding these matters. He invited Mr. Cherry and Ms. Webb to attend future meetings.

Next Meeting

After some discussion of whether to meet in February or March, there was a consensus to hold the next meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Thornton called for a motion to adjourn. Andy Anderson made the motion and Dan Winters seconded.