

Arlington Animal Services Center Advisory Board

MINUTES June 30, 2004

The City of Arlington Animal Services Advisory Board held a meeting at Noon on Wednesday, June 30, 2004 in the conference room of the Animal Services Center at 5920 West Pioneer Parkway, Arlington TX. The following members, City staff and guests were present:

Members:

Jayne Cole	Place 2
Dr. Erin Miller	Place 3
Linda Yarbrough	Place 4
Lee Hitchcock	Place 5
Suzanne Berk	Place 7
Mike Bass	Staff

Guests:

James Bias, Executive Director SPCA Dallas

Jay Sabatucci, Director Operations, Humane Society of the United States SWRO

I. Call to Order

Linda Yarbrough, outgoing Chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Jayme Cole, Place 2 made a motion to approve minutes of May 26, 2004. Dr. Erin Miller, Place 3 seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Agenda Items

- a. Ordinance Revisions – Mike Bass
 - i. **Rescue contracts** – Mike presented the board with a revision recommendation that would allow for continuance of partnership efforts with groups while also bringing a staff member into the loop that will specialize in this area, taking some of the pressure off Mike and more importantly help prevent possibility of 'hoarders' receiving animals from the City. Mike noted that manager discretion will always be available, for example in the case of rescue groups who want to register but by choice have opted to operate without non-profit status with incorporation/bylaws, etc. Mike further explained the intent of the agreement is to always assist in moving more animals out into possible good homes or chance at good homes. The board agreed the
 - ii. **Limits on animals** – Mike explained to the board this item would be moved to a future meeting after results of a (somewhat) related court case is settled. Linda asked if Mike would still be prepared to incorporate a multi-pet section in whatever ordinance recommendation is brought to the board. Mike explained he has copies of such ordinances from other cities, e.g. City of Bedford

where this has been successful.

- iii. **Holding of purebreds and small dogs** – Mike covered this holding period of an additional 48 hours after the 72 hours is up so the general public will have an increased opportunity to adopt the small and purebred dogs. Mike said he and supervisory staff will have management discretion so if an injured or sick purebred or small dog is taken in, they have option of contacting one of the rescue groups just like they always have.
- b. Fund Raising Update – Suzanne Berk noted that the Paaws fundraising luncheon is planned for later in season and she will bring details to the board in future.
- c. New Shelter Planning Update – Master Project Plan – Lee Hitchcock was not present due to vacation.
- d. Introduction of Guests - Linda Yarbrough introduced James Bias, the new Executive Director for the SPCA of Dallas (with locations in 7 other cities) and noted that James is the former executive director of Humane Society of North Texas, Fort Worth TX, former operations director of HSUS SWRO, former exec director of SPCA and Humane Society of San Antonio and well respected throughout the national and international animal welfare community. Linda added that James has offered to sit on the CoA new shelter building committee and has in-depth design, contracting and operation experience.

Linda also introduced Jay Sabatucci, Director Shelter Operations for the Humane Society of the United States. Jay noted he is responsible for coordinating shelter operations and training for municipal and non-profit shelters in (6) states in their southwest regional area. Linda noted that Jay's expertise and his willingness to also serve on the Building Committee would be a tremendous asset to the City and AAS Staff. Mike added that Jay has been accepted and appointed by Council as Linda's replacement and new Board Chair.

- IV. Announcements** – Mike and the Board recognized Linda Yarbrough, outgoing Chair for her (6) six years of service to the City and its animals. Linda thanked the board and noted that although there is much work still to be done with the ordinances and spay-neuter efforts, thanks should go to Mike and Lee for the tremendous strides made toward the Board’s goals. Mike then noted the three (3) new animal service trucks on order should arrive soon and they are badly needed. He also introduced the new Administrative Coordinator and the new Senior Clerk. Mike added that Lee Hitchcock is once again directly over the Animal Services Department.
- V. Future agenda items** – Carry over of Items A.ii, B, C and final spring/summer operational numbers.
- VI. Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Times** – Next meeting will be September 15, 2004 at Noon at the Animal Services Center at 5920 West Pioneer Parkway, Arlington, TX.
- VII. Adjourn** – Outgoing Chair, Linda Yarbrough adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

The order of the meeting is subject to change per the Chair’s Discretion. For more information, contact Mike Bass, Animal Services Manager, 817-451-3536 or Linda Yarbrough, Chair 817-274-4188.