

**ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 5, 2015**

**Regular Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Dominic Farinha

**Roll Call:**

Dominic Farinha, Patterson  
Lyndi Love-Haning, Ceres

Kavishti Kokaram, DVM

**Absent:**

Dave Cerutti, Modesto

**Unfilled Positions:**

Representative from Hughson  
Representative from Waterford  
Representative from Stanislaus County

**Staff in attendance:**

Annette Patton, Executive Director

Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Public Comment –
  - a. Karen Mosser announced the TNR program expansion to Atwater and the Cat Network's fund raiser on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Chevy's, more information will follow. Karen would like to see animal groups at Earth Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.
  - b. Celia Garcia spoke about Paws Rescue at Modesto High School where they have rescued over 40 dogs in the last year and a half. They strive to get more involvement from students and parents.
2. Approved the Minutes of the November 6, 2014. (Love-Haning/Farinha - 3/0)
3. Ad-Hoc committee update on the Educational Program, Dominic and Lyndi presented an outline of their power point presentations with a quick overview. The presentations will be finalized and piloted at Walter White Elementary School by April 1, 2015. The program is geared for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades and will include a couple of adoptable pets for interaction.
4. Discussed the Use of Social Media as Community Outreach. Lyndi provided a schedule of days. Sample Facebook topics (a couple of lines and a photo) will

be approved by the Executive Director prior to posting. This program is slated to begin March 2015.

5. Discussed Programs to Enhance Animal Services. Executive Director Patton went over the promotions for February and March. Dr. Kokaram added promotional ideas that came from other shelters, including enhanced descriptions for the adoptable animals.
6. Recognized Sue Henderson for her years of service, first with the Animal Advisory Board then with the Animal Services Advisory Committee. Sue represented the County of Stanislaus.
7. Staff Presentation on Trap, Neuter and Release. Executive Director Patton said SASA's program began June 1, 2013 resulting in 3443 cats saved through January 31, 2015. There is a slow decline in cat intake, and a 40% decrease in euthanasia.
8. Review and Discuss the Bylaws for Stanislaus Animal Services Agency – Lyndi read the Purpose of the Advisory Committee Bylaws and reminded all members that their purpose is to promote this shelter, decrease the number of animals entering the shelter and to increase and enhance volunteerism.
9. Future Agenda Items – None
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

**Next meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.**

Note: Those unable to attend, call Linda Ford at 209-342-1742