

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 7, 2019

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kavishti Kokaram, Chair

Roll Call:

Kavishti Kokaram, DVM
Kathryn Burns, Modesto
Ann Taylor, Patterson

Renee Rhoy, Ceres
Kiley Gravatt, Hughson

Absent:

Unfilled Positions:

County and Waterford

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director

Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.

Dignitaries and Guests:

Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment – Nancy Klein provided an Animal Services Advisory Committee membership application and shared information on her shelter experience.
2. Presentation: Annette Patton introduced Amy Leach from Modesto High School and her students (Piya and Hannah) who developed Henna my Heart. These young ladies provided Henna tattoos at varying events raising funds to donate to SASA. Each received a certificate of appreciation and recognition from SASA and the Animal Services Advisory Committee.
3. Approved the Minutes of August 9, 2018 meeting, (Taylor/Burns – 5/0) and the Minutes of October 4, 2018 meeting (Rhoy/Burns - 5/0).
4. Discussion of Vets for Pets Program: Ann Taylor invited Kathryn Burns to go with her to Sacramento on March 20, 2019 to attend Professional Training in Animal Assisted Intervention, which should help the committee, and SASA, reach their goals of a Vets for Pets program. This training program will show how these programs work and provide training for Ann and Kathryn to share with the committee.

5. Update: Stanislaus Pet Resource Center progress, integration and resources needed, if any. SASA will invite Augusta for an update at the April 4, 2019 meeting.
6. Discussion: Breed Labels – Annette states the program is to be implemented before the end of this fiscal year. Still holding conversations with Chameleon. SASA will see if Chameleon can better handle All American Shelter Dog or Mixed Breed. SASA will do a test period, of two weeks, to see if/how the program works. Laurie Daily-Johnston will check with PIMA to see what has worked well, and what has not, and Annette will check in with Contra Costa on the same. Breed Labels will be added to the April agenda for an update.
7. Director's Report: Annette introduced Dan Solish (a new Deputy County Counsel), congratulated and thanked Nina Ellison and Dr. Kokaram for their time on the Animal Services Advisory Committee, mentioned the open spots on the committee and welcomed Kiley Gravatt, as our newest member representing the City of Hughson. Our next meeting is April 4, 2019. Annette is working 4 hours a day since she returned and has appreciated Scotty and Dennis in her absence. We will be wrapping up 2018/2019 projects. If e-mails aren't answered right away, please be patient. Our next JPA meeting will be February 21st and will include Budget, a request for an Operations Manager, our Brown Armstrong audit, a canvassing proposal, PFF, recognition of volunteers and foster parents, and supervisors come in and report out on their respective areas. Dispatch contracts are coming due, so we are looking at different options and Strategic Planning will be addressed. DocuPet will give a presentation at an upcoming meeting, and Best Friends will be here for a site visit next week.
6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2019 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