

LEWISVILLE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

995 E. Valley Ridge Dr
Lewisville, TX 75057

AUGUST 27, 2019
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Members Present: Denise Jeffrey, Chairperson, Citizen at Large
Jeanne Kule, Vice-Chairperson, Citizen at Large
Beverly Freed, Animal Welfare Organization Representative
Juli Patrick, Citizen at Large
R. Neil Ferguson, Council Representative
Dr. Walter Legg, DVM, Veterinarian Representative
Amanda Earl, Animal Control Supervisor, Staff Representative

City Staff Present: Jackie Davis, Manager, Code Enforcement & Animal Services

Item #1: Denise Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. Seven (7) Committee Members were present, constituting a quorum.

Item #2: Jeanne Kule nominated Denise Jeffrey for Chairperson, Dr. Legg seconded, and it was unanimously approved. Denise Jeffrey nominated Jeanne Kule for Vice-Chairperson, Juli Patrick seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Item #3: Minutes from the previous meeting held on May 14, 2019 were submitted by Amanda Earl for approval by the Committee. Denise Jeffrey made a motion to approve the minutes as read, and Dr. Legg seconded the motion.

Item #4: Amanda Earl went over Clear the Shelter results: Started the event with 56 animals available for adoption. There were 48 adoptions. The day concluded with three (3) dogs and seven (7) cats remaining. One of the dogs was returned the same day. As of today, there have only been three (3) animals returned. The event was very successful and helped create space for our future shelter intake animals.

Item #5: Amanda Earl went over shelter updates. We have seen a decrease in animals brought into the shelter from the field due to an increase in returning animals to their owners immediately in the field. Our adoption numbers have increased compared to last year. The rate of animals that are transferred to rescue groups has reduced. The amount of citations, warnings, and service requests have decreased due to the shelter being short-staffed and having less animal control officers in the field this year.

Deanna Groves has been temporarily promoted to Interim Senior Animal Care Specialist to cover for the absence of Margaret Worth, currently out on medical leave. We have just recently

filled our sixth animal control officer position and are currently fully staffed. Three (3) officers are still in training. We just made a conditional job offer to fill our final temporary part time animal care specialist position.

Our overall euthanasia rate decreased considerably. This was due in most part to our previous relationship with Barn Cats, who took the majority of impounded feral cats. Unfortunately, the program is no longer available, so our cat euthanasia rate has and will continue to increase because of the feral cat population. More than half of the cats coming to the shelter were trapped in the field.

Amanda Earl stated that she is working with PetPoint staff to implement a new system for tracking all shelter data using Builders Suite. The current system lacks efficiency and accuracy.

In the future, we would like to move away from requiring city registration and move towards mandatory microchipping of animals. This would require changes to current ordinances.

Item #6: Neil Ferguson motioned to table the shelter disaster plan discussion until the next meeting. Denise Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Item #7: Amanda Earl stated that she is working to help draft an interdepartmental volunteer coordinator position with neighborhood services. She and others are preparing a proposal for this position next year.

Item #8: Amanda Earl explained that the city doesn't currently have a cat leash law. She said that our ordinance relating to animals at large states that wildlife and feral animals are not included and Chapter 3-61 – Animals at large only applies to animals listed, which does not include cats.

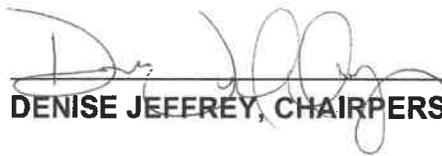
Amanda Earl wants to reach out to the community in the future to find out if there would be support for a TNR (Trap and Release) program. She explained that trapping and euthanizing cats doesn't solve any problems with a feral cat population. The community would need education about how the program works and we would need the support of the residents for the program to be successful.

Item #9: Jeanne Kule made a motion for the next meeting to be held on November 12, 2019. The motion was seconded by Amanda Earl.

Item #10: Amanda Earl made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Denise Jeffrey and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Young Animal Services Shelter Clerk

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



DENISE JEFFREY, CHAIRPERSON



JEANNE KULE, VICE-CHAIRPERSON