

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Commission Chambers
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
April 18, 2013
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: GIPAYA, MARY (MG)
LAYNE, KAREN (KL)
PRATER, MICHAEL, M.D. (MP)
WHITE, DEBBIE DVM (DW)
VALENZUELA, ALMA (AV)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m

2. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.

3. Approval of February 28, 2013 Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes was made and seconded

4. Receive a report from the Equestrian Rescue subcommittee

MG – we have another meeting that was not well attended so we are continuing on the update presented at the last meeting. Continuing to work on low cost gelding clinics for the community and consolidating resources between CC, AFI and a local group to take over care of the animals so it can be concentrated into one area which would free up the ACOs and AFI personnel to do what they do best with cats and dogs as the equestrian community is a little bit different. They are doing a good job but we think this might be the best way to free up the resources. KL – Thank you. As I understand it, you are going to be continuing. MG – we will continue as long as we can get people to come. We have reached out to the Rescue community, especially the Equestrian Rescue Community. So far we have not had a good response; some local groups but that is it.

5. Receive a report from Don Coburn on Consolidation of Services for horses

Don Coburn (DC) has had some discussions. Right now I would like to give some insight as to how this works. Now when CCAC picks up a large animal, livestock, they impound it to our facility at Horseman's Park. ACOs provide the food and water. If medical care is required, they contact the veterinarian and they make the arrangements, whether it is the transport of the horse or the vet coming out. Currently, the CLV and NLV do the same thing as far as impounding the animal at the Horseman's Park facility but the care is done by AFI. There is a difference in how the animals are cared for and we have had some discussions with AFI to consolidate those services and contract those services out to someone else. I cannot dictate to AFI how they care for the animals once it is turned over to them but I can make suggestions and one of those suggestions is having them take over the care of the County animals as well as the animals from NLV and CLV so that all of them are under their care and then encouraging them to seek contract services for that, whether it is someone on site or someone that deals more with the larger animals and let them stay with the dogs, cats and other animals at the shelter. Those discussions are underway. I don't have anything to update from the last meeting. It is going rather slow as far as the

discussions with AFI encouraging them to go down that path as I don't have a way to dictate to them that they have to do it. It is a more diplomatic approach in the discussions.

MG – Carly from AFI is here and Equine Event Management did have a discussion that was facilitated by the County and AFI. Chris Robinson was also there. They were very agreeable to the solutions. Everyone says yes we want to do it but we have to go the next step which is who says okay and how do we get the program started. All the parties are in place to start this. We need the County and AFI to go forward.

DC – above me I am not sure the County Commissioners have all signed off on it yet which is where the delay is presently to make sure we doing the wishes of the County Commissioners. At one time AFI cared for the large animals for CC and it was pulled away at the wishes of the County Commission so those discussions go higher than my level. MG – so you are suggesting we put this on as an agenda item for the BCC? DC can discuss it with the Director of Administrative Services and see what her approach is and see if she wants to query them individually to see what the general consensus is. It is already in the contract with AFI that has already been approved. I believe it is more a policy issue rather than an item the BCC needs to hear on an agenda item. I will do more checking into this and report back to you.

MG motions that we move forward with consolidation of services with CCAC and AFI and contract those services out. Motion is seconded.

CARLY SCHOLTEN (CS) from AFI asked what the Motion to move forward means? KL – proposal is to move forward with consolidation or services. To ask the County to address the issue. CS – as DC mentioned we have had meetings with several Commissioners and administrative staff with the County. The current contract the AFI holds with the County states that we will provide the care for the horses. It has been the choice of the County to not have us do that. We are happy to provide that and we have been in discussions with different County employees to talk about outsourcing that care.

- 6. Discuss emerging issues and information among Advisory Committee Members.**
- 7. Comments by the General Public**
- 8. Set date, time and agenda of next meeting**
- 9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7: pm