

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Commission Chambers
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
January 29, 2015
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: FRANCO, KIMBERLY (KF)
GIPAYA, MARY (MG)
SAYEGH, SUSAN S. (SSS)
SMITH, PAMELA (PS)
VOSS, TIFFANY (STUDENT)
WILLIAMS, KEITH (KW)

1. Call to Order

Jason Allswang (JA), Clark County Chief of Code Enforcement, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. JA stated he will run the meeting until a Chair person is appointed. JA noted all items on the agenda are able to be spoken on with a time limit of 3 minutes.

2. Public Comment

JA asked the public to come forward if there was anyone who would like to speak. No public figures approached for comment. JA closed public comment.

3. Approval of Agenda

JA asked for a motion to approve the January 29, 2015 agenda, motion by PS, second by SSS, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.

4. Approval of the October 30, 2014 Minutes

JA asked for approval of the Minutes. Motion for approval by MG, second by SSS, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.

5. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

JA let the members discuss the selections of Chair and Vice Chair. PS volunteered for Vice Chair. SSS volunteered for Chair. MG volunteered for Vice Chair. JA asked for a motion, MG motioned to nominate SSS for Chair, second by KW, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed. SSS will take over the meeting as the new AAC Chair. SSS motioned MG as Vice Chair, second by MG, 4 to 1, motion passed. MG is the new AAC Vice Chair. JA made a clarification that Tiffany Voss, the student, is a non-voting member.

6. Discuss and Provide Recommendations for Requirements for Pets Kept Outdoors

Discussion was had about structure of temperature regulations in Title 10 County Code and State Statute. PS asked JA if there was a need missing out on the field. JA suggested enforcing more structure. JA stated reminder that cats do not pertain to outdoor pet laws because they are never allowed outdoors. KW suggested allowing board members familiarize themselves with the ordinances and to develop an opinion at a later time. JA suggested opening up the meeting to public comment. SSS opened up meeting to public comment. Karen Layne (KL), of Las Vegas Humane Society, stated she receives complaints about outdoor pets: animals that are left outside continuously for 24 hours. She explained heat is still an issue; the heat alert already in code does not work because the lower temperatures are still dangerous. She also explained dogs sitting on concrete without shelter and steel crates are a problem. KL asked to allow for Humane Society and other companies to come up with proposal for the next meeting.

Stacia Newman (SN), with Nevada Political Action for Animals, was concerned about vagueness

of temperature regulation. SN suggested drafting language and detail of NRS 574, standards for animal operators, into animal ordinances. MG made motion to table the item until a further date until board members were more familiar with Title 10; second motion by PS. SSS closed the public comment. All in favor, no opposition, motion passed.

7. Set Dates and Time for 2015 Meetings

SSS suggested meetings be held on Thursdays.

JA suggested the second meeting for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

JA suggested the third meeting for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

JA suggested the fourth meeting for Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

JA suggested the fifth meeting for Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

JA suggested the sixth meeting for Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

JA suggested the seventh meeting for Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

JA suggested the eighth meeting for Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. PS motioned to approve all dates for the 2015 calendar year, second motion by MG, all in favor, no opposition, motion passed.

8. Comments By the General Public

Janice Ridondo (JR), Clark County resident, suggested making changes for animal rescues by coming up with better regulations and laws. JR suggested approving sanctuaries before they are allowed to open for operation. Gina Greisen (GR), Nevada Voters for Animals, suggested reaching out to other jurisdictions for participation in uniformity of animal laws. GR suggested requirement for animal shelter contractors to attend AAC meetings. GR suggested a strict legal policy for lost and found animals. Darvez Mellough (DM), Clark County resident, suggested the committee continue to represent residents' and rescues' rights and opinions. Joshua Cowart (JC), Henderson resident, runs a forum for exotic pet classifieds. JC encouraged the board to examine the limiting portion of Title 10.08.14: sales of animals. JC encouraged examination of trap, neuter, and release efforts as they are harmful to the native species. He provided a copy of an article to support his opinion and asked it be provided to the board. SSS closed the public comments.

9. Adjournment

SSS made a motion to adjourn. Second motion by KW, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting Adjourned.

10. Next Meeting Date and Time.

February 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.