

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Commission Chambers
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
January 27, 2016
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **BURTON, KIMMIE (KB)** – Large Animal Owner or Equine Conservation
 D.V.M. FRANCO, KIMBERLY (KF) – Veterinarian
 GONZALEZ, ANA (AG) – Student
 LEVINE, LISA (LL) – General Public
 SMITH, PAMELA (PS) – Animal Breeder or Handler, Vice Chair
 WILLIAMS, KEITH (KW) – Non-Profit Humane Group, Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT: **NONE**

1. Call to Order

Jason Allswang (JA), Chief of Code Enforcement, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members announced themselves present. JA stated Pamela Smith and Dr. Kimberly Franco were absent (PS and KF later joined the committee during agenda item 6).

3. Public Comment

JA opened public comment. No public comment. Public comment closed.

4. Introduction of New Members

The members introduced themselves. LL has lived in Las Vegas for more than 20 years, worked with Dina Titus' office, and it's her first year representing the general public. KB has lived in Las Vegas for 11 years, she is a large animal veterinary technician, and is a volunteer for All Vegas Horses. AG has lived in Las Vegas for 16 years, attends Rancho High School, and is the founder and president of a club at her school.

5. Approval of Agenda

JA asked for a motion to approve January 27, 2016 agenda. Motion by KW, second by KB, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.

6. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

KW volunteered as chair, second by KB, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed. PS volunteered as vice chair, motion by KB, second by LL, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.

7. Approval of the November 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

KW asked for a motion to approve the November 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes. PS motioned for approval, second by KB, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.

8. Receive an Update From, Discuss, and Make Recommendations to The Animal Foundation on Life-Saving Measures to Increase the Live Release Rate

Nina Radetich, Marketing and Communications Director at the Animal Foundation (TAF), gave a presentation on their strategic plan's progress. Video presentation included.

KW opened public comment. Charlene Ragsdale, resident of Southwest Las Vegas, stated that the Spay and Neuter program should be at the forefront of TAF's strategic plans. Karen Layne, Las Vegas Valley Humane Society (LVVHS), responded to the previous speaker by stating LVVHS,

C5, and Heaven Can Wait (HCW) already have large Spay and Neuter programs in place. Layne would like an explanation as to how the \$2.2 million dollars, requested by TAF, is going to be used. Gina Greisen, Nevada Voters for Animals, does not support money going to TAF until more money is funded into animal control enforcement. Regina Harmon, Southern Nevada Beagle Rescue Foundation, stated TAF is unwilling to spay and neuter certain animals and releasing them to local rescues unsterilized. Harmon believes it is unfair to put that responsibility on the rescues. Public comment closed.

Discussion was had between Carly Scholten of TAF and the committee regarding the funding of the proposed programs, expansion of the Community Cat Pilot program and the funding of TAF's construction project.

9. Discuss and Make Recommendations on Recent Changes to Titles 10, 18, and 30 of Clark County Code

KW opened public comment. Josh Cowart, Trisha Perkins and Stephanie Tracy would like further discussion on the requirements of the Land Use Permit. Josh Cowart also stated he would like the animals that are necessary to have a Land Use Permit be broken up into groups. Jim Tracy would like to discuss rear fanged snakes. The possessing and selling of such an animal knowing that many rear fanged snakes are harmless. Gina Greisen wants to revisit the consequences of hitting an animal with your vehicle. Gina would like to have a requirement to stop and attend to the welfare of the animal. KW closed public comment. KB asked for clarification on rear fanged snakes. Josh Cowart provided information on the differences between venomous and non-venomous snakes. LL asked Josh to specify what changes he is asking for. Josh Cowart advised that he would like the non-venomous snakes to be placed in a category that does not require a Land Use Permit. JA advised that the current changes are a lot less stringent than what used to be in code and explained the fees and processes pertaining to the Land Use Application/Permit. JA stated that the Board of County Commissioners has asked that an update be provided to them after 6 months, and during the 6 months he is committed to working with these groups to come up with a species specific list of snakes that will or will not need a Special Use Permit. This list will need to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. A Special Use Permit is needed for animals that may impact neighbors.

LL asked JA to elaborate on the topic of the lack of requirement to stop when an animal is hit by a vehicle. JA stated the committee could look into making this a mandatory reporting to Animal Control. JA advised that there is a limit to what Animal Control can enforce.

JA stated another issue that the committee may want to address is if an animal is found, mandate that it is taken to one of the Clark County Contracted Vets or TAF or call Animal Control for a pick up. This would provide the animal the best opportunity to be reunited with its owner.

10. Set Dates and Times for 2016 Animal Advisory Meetings

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

11. Discuss and Provide recommendations on Emerging Issues to be Addressed by the Committee at Future Meetings

No discussion was had.

12. Comments by the General Public

Gina Greisen thanked the committee and further expressed her interest in the changes to code pertaining to an animal being hit by a vehicle and animals being found. Gina also asked for an update on the Task Force.

Josh Cowart requested information the intake of exotic animals at TAF.

Karen Layne expressed her interests and disagreements to possible recommendations on found animals.

Mike White agreed with Karen Layne regarding other registration options for found animals and stated that Pet Harbor is not user friendly.

Regina Harmon, agreed with other options of registering lost animals and stated her desire for more enforcement from Animal Control on the spay and neuter requirement.

KW closed public comment.

13. Adjournment

KW asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. LL made a motion, second by PS, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.