

Minutes of the Animal Services Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
Garland, Texas
October 15, 2010

The Animal Services Advisory Committee of Garland, Texas convened for a regular meeting at 12:30 pm on Friday, October 15, 2010 in room 415C of the Garland Fire Administration & Training Facility with the following members present:

Pat Fowler, Chairperson
Dennis Wooten
Dr. Bill Dunn
Debbie Stout
Robby Neill

Staff Present:

Jason Chessher, Deputy Director of Health
Diana Oats, Animal Services Manager

- Agenda Item 1: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pat Fowler at 12:31 pm.
- Agenda Item 2: Chairperson Pat Fowler introduced Robby Neill as the newest member of the Animal Services Advisory Committee, replacing Renee Ramey as the Municipal or County Official on the committee.
- Agenda Item 3: Committee Member Dr. Bill Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 16, 2010 meeting and Committee Member Dennis Wooten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Agenda Item 4: Diana Oats provided an update on Animal Services community outreach activities that have taken place since the last meeting.
- Agenda Item 5: Diana Oats provided an update on the fiscal year 2009/2010 Animal Services performance indicators.
- Agenda Item 6: Diana Oats provided an overview of the dangerous dog ordinance and the methodology by which Animal Services enforces this ordinance.
- Agenda Item 7: Jason Chessher discussed customer satisfaction surveys currently underway at the Animal Shelter and possible future customer survey initiatives.

Agenda Item 8: Public Comments:

Verbal Comments

Anne Fletcher provided verbal comments related to animal rescue and diseases commonly found in shelter settings.

Charlotte Herbold provided verbal comments related to personal experiences with Garland Animal Services.

Martin Kaplan provided verbal comments related to the 2009/2010 performance indicators.

Marsha Hubbell provided verbal comments related to animal holding times, resources for private pet owners, and public perception of the Garland Animal Shelter.

Paul Breitzman provided verbal comments related to euthanasia rates at local municipal shelters and ideas to improve the adoption rate.

Terrie Kieper provided verbal comments related to animal rescue.

Lee Lutz provided verbal comments related to meeting location and public notice, the euthanasia rate, meeting minutes, manners of Animal Services management, customer surveys and pre-paid adoptions.

Agenda Item 9: Future Agenda Items & Meeting Schedule: Chairperson Pat Fowler directed staff to schedule the next ASAC meeting for Friday, January 21 at 12:30 pm.

Agenda Item 12: Committee Member Dr. Bill Dunn made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Committee Member Dennis Wooten. Chairperson Pat Fowler adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.