

Minutes of the Animal Services Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
Garland, Texas
July 16, 2010

The Animal Services Advisory Committee of Garland, Texas convened for a regular meeting at 12:30 pm on Friday, July 16, 2010 in the City Council Work Session Room at City Hall with the following members present:

Pat Fowler, Chairperson
Dennis Wooten
Dr. Bill Dunn
Debbie Stout
Yvette Diaz

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: Committee Member Dennis Wooten made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 16, 2010 meeting and Committee Member Dr. Bill Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Agenda Item 3: Committee Member Dennis Wooten nominated Dr. Bill Dunn for the position of vice chairperson. No other nominees were made and Dr. Dunn was unanimously elected as vice chairperson.
- Agenda Item 4: Chairperson Pat Fowler recommended that the Committee request the City Manager's Office begin accepting applications to fill the position left vacant by Renee Ramey. Committee Member Dennis Wooten made a motion to do so and was seconded by Committee Member Debbie Stout. The motion passed 5 – 0.
- Agenda Item 5: Diana Oats provided an update of current volunteer opportunities with the Shelter and outlined volunteer needs.
- Agenda Item 6: Chairperson Pat Fowler provided the Committee with an overview of his update to City Council which he presented during the June 1, 2010 work session.
- Agenda Item 7: Diana Oats updated the Committee on recent community outreach activities including adoptions, animal rescues, performance

indicators for the first three quarters of the fiscal year, and offsite outreach activities.

Agenda Item 8: Diana Oats provided the Committee with an overview of the new adoption/rescue process in place at Animal Services.

Agenda Item 9: Jason Chessher presented an update of the implementation process of the pit bull fencing directive which becomes effective on August 1, 2010.

Agenda Item 10: Public Comments:

Verbal Comments

Brent Gee provided verbal comments related to the implementation and enforcement of the pit bull fencing directive.

Nicole McGuire provided verbal comments related to recent disputes with Shelter staff and dissatisfaction with the animal rescue program.

Michelle Ferrer provided verbal comments related to shelter funding and views on how to improve the working relationships with volunteers and rescue groups.

Garnell McMichael provided verbal comments related to improvements and successes associated with the animal rescue program, volunteer activities, community outreach efforts, and adoptions.

Dr. Michael McGuire provided verbal comments related to state regulations on animal holding time associated with owner released animals and issues related to rescue groups/volunteers working with the Shelter.

Lee Lutz provided verbal comments related to ASAC meeting times, grant applications, neighborhood rescue groups, spay/neuter clinics, and pit bull fighting.

Dian Wright provided verbal comments related to the public notification of the pit bull fencing directive and the enforcement of the directive.

Agenda Item 11: Future Agenda Items & Meeting Schedule: Chairperson Pat Fowler directed staff to schedule the next ASAC meeting for October 22, 2010 at 12:30 pm.

Chairperson Pat Fowler requested a verbal update on the ordinance requirements and processes to control dangerous animals.

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