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Attachments: Breed Neutral Lakewood Informational brochure.

Kim started the meeting. Welcomes and introductions. Approval of November meeting minutes. Kim will revised and resubmit September meeting minutes to the city.

Breed Neutral Lakewood: A new citizens group has formed. Many are here today to meet us and present their mission. Peter supports and is associated with the group and hopes to be a team player working with all to improve Lakewood. Kim said we all have our own connections with groups. None of us saw any issue with Peter being a part of the group.

Melissa R talked about HB14 and its effects. We reviewed their handout, with their mission statement (see attached.) Melissa said one of their goals is to promote good ownership through education.

Kim, April can help with outreach to residents. April notes that April 25th is "Welcome to Lakewood" networking event for new residents moving to Lakewood within the past year, at Garfield school auditorium. They'd like to have many community groups participate. This would be a good opportunity for many animal groups and education.

Kim asked BNL – what's your next step? BNL says they will move forward with their initial organizational set up, have regular meetings and look to LASWAB for feedback and direction. They want to make sure LASWAB has everything we need to fully consider their suggestions.

Dawn said she'd like to see some educational plan outlines and to see some examples, such as Toledo.

Dawn asked does Lakewood track by breed? Elaine said yes they do.

No unregistered pit bull type dogs are allowed in Lakewood, per the ordinance (that's for any reason and includes no visiting dogs allowed either.)

Landlord Training 1/21/12. LouAnn, this will mainly cover General safety welfare issues.

Hens in Lakewood: April thanked us for thoroughly vetting their proposals, and operating just as a board like ours is supposed to. The Mayor was very impressed with their presentation. What eventually happened with the pilot proposal and the city is a long story, but basically there was concern about some legalese by Council and they voted to remove the word 'other' and thus putting the pilot program in limbo by not allowing the Mayor to OK it. Councilman Anderson said that he will always support the idea. It was clear that Council does not want pilot program unless they vote on it. Councilwoman Smith said that she wants a public forum on it then take the measure to Council for a vote. Many felt because it's a pilot program, it's just that and not subject to the same legislative course as a permanent ordinance. The Hens program falls under LEAF (Lakewood Earth and Food Community) Animal Stewardship Committee. They may expand the pilot program number of families now that this will be sent to Council and not just a Mayor approved pilot.

Trap Neuter and Release program updates: Kim reported that 24 cats have been tagged. Winter has brought about some slow downs in activity. Dawn and Elaine asked about the possibility the cats they are TNRing are actually lost cats in the neighborhood? Elaine said there is a Coyote in the area of the Old Screw Factory. They might be feeding on the colony cats. We talked about the need for Coyote education.

Animal Limits: Melissa L presented some materials from Best Friend Animal Sanctuary and the SFSPCA. She said that she was unable to find any studies or otherwise supporting animal limits. All national groups do not support them. We wanted to know if this is something we have been asked to look into or what we need to do in response to Councilwoman Madigan's request. We'll get a small group of us together to discuss further. Dawn and Juleen said they would be interested in being part of that group.

2012 Initiatives: We would like to further our Education initiatives and further them within the community.

Juleen asked Elaine if the shelter would provide the latest animal statistics. Elaine said sure. Dawn said that CCLAS would work with the ACO's and have something for us at our next meeting in March.

Reminder: My Best Friends Bowl is available resource for folks needing help with their pets. Jay Brady is helping with vet care. CCLAS and ADH are both providing assistance to the program as well.