



## **Lakewood Animal Safety Welfare Advisory Board**

May 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Location: Jury Room at Lakewood City Hall

*Present:* Board Members: Councilman David Anderson, Nancy Patterson, Melissa Limkemann, Dawn Pyne, Dr. Bo Rog, Kim McCarty, Karolyn Isenhardt, and ACO Jack Crawford

Guest: Councilman Tom Bullock, Kara Vlach-Lasher and Shelby Costo

*Not Present:* Board Members: Juleen Russell and Donna Klein

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### **Welcomes & Introductions – Dawn Pyne (filling in for Chair Juleen Russell)**

- Dawn Pyne opens meeting, welcomes everyone and initiates introductions
- January and March 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

### **City Council Ad Hoc Committee Update – David Anderson**

- Juleen Russell and Missy Limkemann attended the City Council Ad-Hoc meeting on Monday 4/22 in regards to LASWAB. Council attendees praised the LASWAB for our work and our dedication.
- Councilman Anderson and Councilman Bullock felt moving forward the board should advise on either topics that council or members of the community bring forward to the board, although it's recommended that LASWAB share the current advisory topics of discussion to city council, beyond just including them in the board minutes.

This recommendation can be achieved through either keeping the board-appointed councilmember up-to-date; or by letting a councilmember who has expressed interested in a topic informed that LASWAB is discussing a topic.

### **LASWAB Terms and positions – Dawn Pyne**

- Karolyn Isenhardt's term was renewed by Councilwoman Smith on May 13
- Melissa Limkemann's term was renewed by Councilman Nowlin on May 13
- ACO Jack Crawford was appointed to board, replacing ACO Elaine Hearn
- Dr. Bo Rog is interested in staying on; he will reach out to Mayor Summers regarding appointment renewal
- Donna Clifford Klein and Dawn Pyne are both stepping down from the board, after their terms expire on May 16, 2013
- Juleen Russell would like to stay on the board, but is stepping down from the chair position

### **LASWAB recommendations**

- Karolyn Isenhardt recommended Don Alaimo, board member w/Leashed Dogs of Lakewood Park and Karen Karp, board member w/Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park
- Dawn Pyne recommended Kara Lasher of APL, Petfix, and Senior Dog Sanctuary; and Celeste Blau, board member w/CCLAS to fill her open seat.

### **Action Plans for 2013 LASWAB Initiatives:**

- Skipped over due to Juleen Russell's absences

### **Birdtown TNR Updates - Kim McCarty**

- Kim McCarty reported on stats to date for the pilot program
- Pilot Program expires this year, they will ask for an extension of the program, there's still a lot of funds left over with the grant
- The TNR Program would need more volunteer resources before they could expanded into new areas within the community
- STATS: As of January 2013, 56 cats/kittens have come through the TNR program. Since then, they have TNRd 27 more. 14 were 1 year or younger (7 f/7m) and 13 were adults (6m/7f) of which 2 of the females were pregnant with a total of 9 kittens. To date, 75 have been altered, and the pilot program volunteers are still active in the pilot area.

### **Lakewood Animal Shelter News and Updates – Dawn Pyne & ACO Jack Crawford**

- Dawn Pyne will continue discussions with Mayor Summers regarding the shelter's needs with capital improvement, HVAC, and the new truck, and about the donated funds Ms. Margaret Mihalek; CCLAS and Jennifer Pae, City of **Lakewood** Finance Director, do **not see eye to eye** about how the donated funds should be used
- ACO Jack Crawford mentioned that there have been an increased number of pit bulls in the community; increased number of breed determination hearings

### **Upcoming events**

- Friends of the Cleveland Kennel, Art for Animals, May 18
- Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Ford Drive 4 U Community
- All Dogs' Heaven, Parma Rally to Rescue Pet Adoptathon, June 1 & 2
- All Dogs' Heaven, Cuddles Canine Spa Open House, June 2
- CCLAS, Hair of the Dog, May 23
- The Furry Nation, Spring Fling, June 1

### **Updates from animal groups in Lakewood in attendance**

- Leashed Dogs of Lakewood Park needs volunteers to stuff bags
- Lakewood Animal Hospital has noticed an increased number of pit bulls; curious about sampling for rabies with the coyotes in our community
- Councilman Bullock shared the concern of some residents regarding recent coyote sightings; Kara Lasher shared some HSUS data regarding the issue
- Shelby Costo didn't have an opportunity to speak with the board, but attended the meeting based on Councilwoman Madigan's recommendation; she is interested in owning a teacup pig in Lakewood

