

# ***Animal Issues Advisory Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

February 16, 2017

### **I. Call to order**

Patti Morris called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Issues Advisory Committee at 1800 hours on February 16, 2017 at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Port Angeles, WA.

### **II. Roll call**

The following members were present: Patti Morris, Melanie Marshall, Tommy Schwent, Lisa Hopper, Brian Smith and Mary Beth Wegener. A quorum was established.

The following Sheriff's Office staff members were present: Animal Control Deputy Tracey Kellas, Administrative Coordinator Lorraine Shore.

The following citizens were present: Gail Nevola and Sherri Hamilton from the Pet Posse.

Members introduced themselves and gave a brief background to those present for the benefit of the citizens in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Motion was made by Tommie Schwent to approve minutes of July 16, 2015 AIAC Meeting. Motion was seconded by Brian Smith and unanimously approved.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **a) Review of proposed ordinance changes**

Clallam County Attorney David Alvarez has replaced outgoing Attorney Kristina Nelson-Gross and he could not find any information that Kristina worked on amending or revising Clallam County Code 17. Mr. Alvarez will review the information that Deputy Kellas sends him regarding the ordinance changes approved by the AIAC

**b) Updates to Clallam County Code 17 – Animal Control Deputy Tracey Kellas**

- **17.03 – Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Dogs**  
<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/ClallamCounty/>
  - Sheriff Benedict and Deputy Kellas decided that Clallam County will no longer keep dogs declared as “dangerous” in the county. This decision was made due to serious situations that have occurred concerning dangerous dogs in Clallam County.
  - The Cities of Port Angeles and Sequim will follow Clallam County recommendations and modify their ordinances to mirror Clallam County Code 17.03.
- **17.04 – Livestock**  
<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/ClallamCounty/>
  - Tracey Kellas updated the committee on changes to 17.04.030 which would remove chickens from the definition of livestock. The committee moved to approve the change to 17.04.030 and it was unanimously approved.
- **17.05 – Rabies and Quarantine**  
<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/ClallamCounty/>
  - Quarantine language in 17.05 will be updated.

**V. New Business**

**a) Purpose of the Animal Issues Advisory Committee**

- Patti Morris discussed the purpose of the AIAC for new member Melanie Marshall (WAG)
- Resolution 34, 2017 was passed on March 14, 2017 updating the members of the AIAC. As stated in the resolution:

- i. The Board of Clallam County Commissioners established the Animal Issues Advisory Committee (AIAC) to serve as a liaison between the County and the contractor for animal shelter services.

**b) Update on Olympic Peninsula Humane Society**

- OHS Director Mary Beth Wegener updated the committee on the new facility. They opened on April 15, 2016 and have 42 dog kennels that are currently half full. OPHS is importing small dogs from shelters in California and will offer them for adoption in Clallam County.
- The City of PA and the Pet Posse entered into an agreement to transport animals from the city to the Olympic Peninsula Humane Society. The Pet Posse is now a non-profit organization.

**VI. Announcement**

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 1800 hours in the BOCC.

**VII. Adjournment**

Patti Morris adjourned the meeting at 1910 hours.

Minutes submitted by: Lorraine Shore