

ANIMAL ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Clallam County

Minutes

February 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Patti Morris, Chair

Members Present: Marc Reinertson, Tommie Schwent, Patti Morris, Barbara Sanford, John Durso, Dr. Suzy Zustiak, Tracey Kellas, and Brian Smith. Pat Dorst attended as a Guest.

New Business:

Tracey said that Alice had asked the Committee to Nominate and Elect a Chair and Co-Chair for the Committee. Barbara Sanford nominated Patti Morris for Chair, Brian Smith seconded. Approved unanimously. Barbara Sanford nominated John Durso for Co-Chair, seconded by Brian Smith. Approved unanimously.

The Committee discussed meeting dates/times/months to meet. It was decided we would stay with the 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. for now and that we would not meet in August and December.

Tommie wanted to know if we needed to look at what is written down for larger kennels to prevent further issues such as the Olympic Animal Sanctuary. She further stated that there was a large amount of animals involved.

Tracey said that she had set up support response team in the event she had to go in there. She said we could look at animal limits. She further stated that County Ordinances stop at City limits.

Patti asked if the Contract Partner was exempt from number of animals. Tracey said we could look at adding 501 (c) 3 organizations to inspection of kennels including all types of animals. There was also a question about whether there should be a capacity requirement for space. John Durso stated that site visits might have helped. Tracey said that another issue is having adequate staffing to care for animals. Tracey said she inspects all facilities that Humane Society doesn't. There was a question whether inspection could be done at time of license renewal. It was discussed that better records were needed for foster animal locations. The Committee asked what the requirements were. All agreed we needed to revisit this. John Durso said these might need to be high priority topics. Tracey will pull out all ordinances that have been redlined and finish. She will get all in revision stage out to us for next meeting. She said Kim Ortloff was our new attorney liaison.

Next meeting will be March 20th, 14 at 6 p.m.

No Old Business was discussed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.