

# ***Animal Issues Advisory Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

March 19, 2015

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

Patti Morris called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Issues Advisory Committee at 1805 hours on March 19, 2015 at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Port Angeles, WA.

### **II. Roll call**

The following members were present: Patti Morris, Brian Smith, Paula Creasey, John Durso, Diane Royall and Tommy Schwent. A quorum was established.

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

The following guest was present: Valerie Jackson

Members introduced themselves and gave a brief background to those present for the benefit of the new members.

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

Motion by Paula Creasey to approve minutes of September 18, 2014 AIAC Meeting. Motion was seconded by John Durso and unanimously approved.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **a) Review of 17.09 – Kennels and Catteries**

- Recommendation by Tracey Kellas to defer until next meeting

#### **b) Review language for 16.52.310 – Dog Breeding and Hoarding**

- Recommendation by Tracey Kellas to defer until next meeting

#### **c) Vote on County Code 17.10 – Animal Cruelty amended changes to**

##### **17.01.015 Definitions**

- (12) "Bite" means the act of the animal's teeth seizing or penetrating human or animal skin or clothing in a menacing fashion.

Motion made by John Durso to approve the changes to 17.01.015 Definitions. Seconded by Thomasine Schwent and unanimously approved.

**d) Status Update from Deputy Kellas on AIAC Approved Chapters referred to Prosecuting Attorney, Kristina Nelson-Gross and unanimously approved by AIAC at 9/18/14 meeting.**

Chief Civil Deputy Alice Hoffman is sending all approved County Ordinance changes to the Board of County Commissioners Work Session scheduled at 9am on April 13, 2015. Alice recommended that AIAC members attend the work session to offer input if necessary.

Discussion ensued about how to make the process move faster regarding Ordinance Changes and Durso asked if the committee could vote electronically. Patti said there could not be electronic voting.

**V. New Business**

**a) Nominate and Elect Chair**

- a. Thomasine motioned to re-elect Patti Morris to the position of AIAC Chair. Durso seconded motion and it was unanimously approved. Patti accepted the nomination and will continue as Chair of AIAC for 2015.

**b) Need updated Member Roster**

- a. Updated roster provided by Lorraine Shore and members who were present checked their information on the roster to ensure it was correct and complete.
- b. Patti asked that the BOCC enact a new resolution updating the AIAC Committee member names to reflect the change from “Eyes that Smile” to Olympic Peninsula Equine Network “O.P.E.N.”
- c. John Durso said he would ask that someone from the City of Sequim sit on the AIAC.

**c) Request to change AIAC Meetings from Monthly to Quarterly**

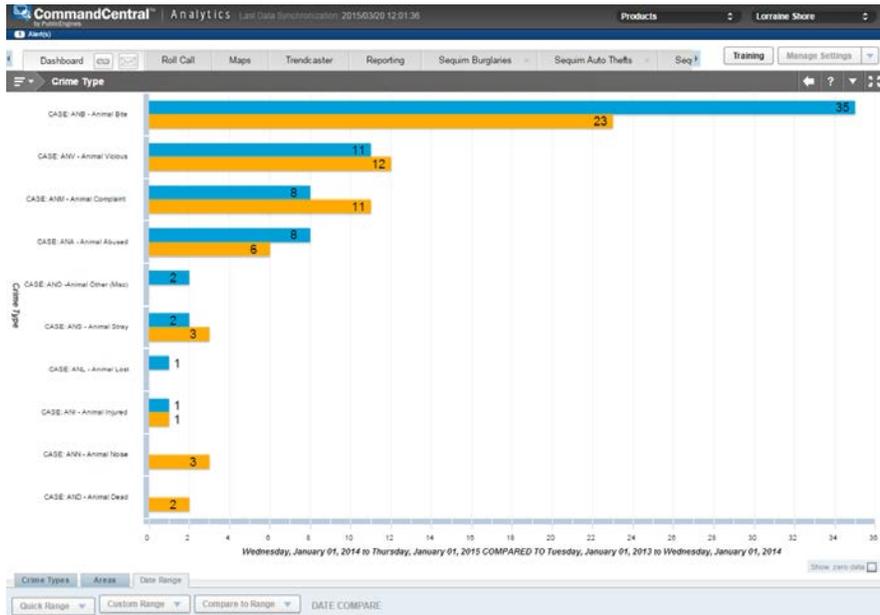
- a. Tracey asked the committee to consider changing their meetings from monthly to quarterly since it is difficult for many members to make a monthly meeting. Members discussed and agreed that quarterly meetings would be a positive change for the AIAC. The new meeting schedule will commence immediately with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015.

**d) Review & determine work for this committee**

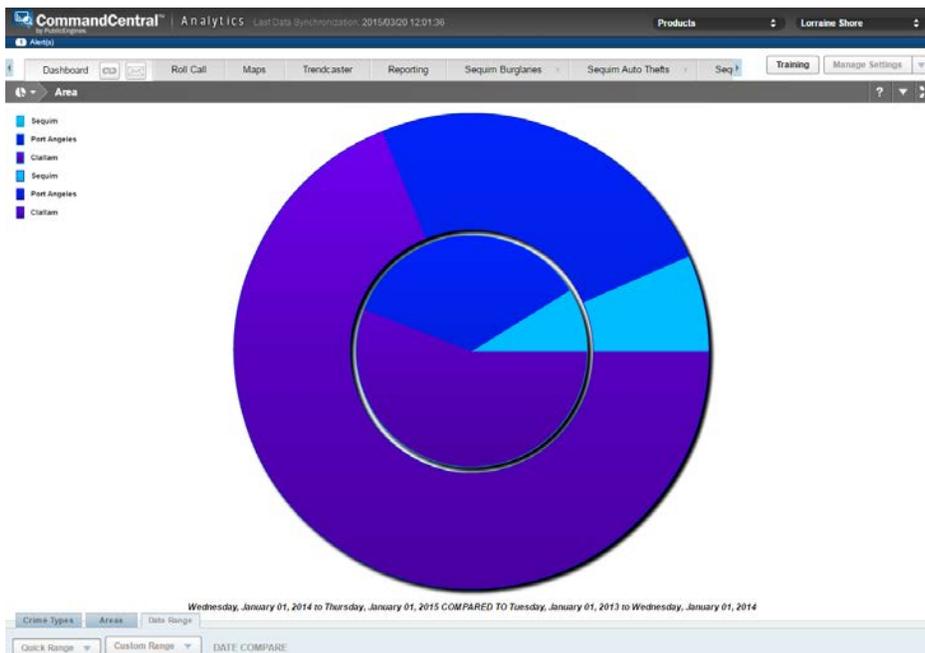
- a. Discussion among members regarding the mission of the AIAC. Ordinance changes have taken up the focus of the AIAC for the last several years and they are now complete having been forwarded to the BOCC.
- b. Thomasine noted that there hadn't been a representative from the Humane Society at the AIAC meetings for quite some time and she would like a report from their organization on the status of the shelter and if there are any animal issues they are seeing. The AIAC members decided they would like to have each member who is part of an organization present a report at the meetings so the members have information regarding animal issues in Clallam County. This will enable AIAC to focus their work on issues that need to be addressed. Patti said she will send out a letter to each AIAC Member and Organization asking them for a status report as well as their suggestions for the Animal Issues Advisory Committee. A suggestion was made by Diane Royall that the reports include a year to year comparison for the last three years to determine if animal problems were increasing, decreasing or remaining the same.
- c. Lorraine suggested that AIAC members could access <https://www.crimereports.com/> and select "Other" as the Crime Type and they could view Animal Calls for Service each month up to the last 6 months. Below is a screen shot of "Other" calls in Clallam County for the last six months. These calls for service include animal calls.



Clallam County Sheriff's Office, Port Angeles Police Department and the Sequim Police Department subscribe to Command Central which is a statistical analysis software program giving each agency the ability to produce informational reports on crime data. Below is a report generated comparing Animal Calls for Service in 2013 to 2014. This information is also attached to the AIAC email to enable easier viewing.



Below is a Graph of the data shown above that allows viewers to see the number of Animal Calls for Service in each jurisdiction. Clallam is represented by Purple, Port Angeles in Dark Blue and Sequim in Light Blue:



**VI. Announcement**

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 1800 hours in the EOC.

**VII. Adjournment**

Patti Morris adjourned the meeting at 1900 hours.

Minutes submitted by: Lorraine Shore

Minutes approved by: Patti Morris