

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
MONA LISA DREXLER ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS AT THE
JUANITA HELMS ADMINISTRATION CENTER
907 TERMINAL STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

March 19, 2019. 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

B. MESSAGES

1. Citizen's Comments – limited to three (3) minutes
 - a. Agenda items not scheduled for public hearing
 - b. Items other than those appearing on the agenda
2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda passes all routine items indicated by asterisk (*) on agenda. Consent agenda items are not considered separately unless any Commission member or citizen so requests. In the event of such request, the item is returned to the general agenda.

D. *MINUTES

1. *Minutes from February 19, 2019

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Shelter report
 - a. Chameleon web demonstration
2. Sled dog housing committee report
 - a. Proposal to proceed with portable shelter
3. Regulation of sale of exotic animals
4. Budget
5. Legislative bills or activity of interest

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Mayor Bryce Ward
 - a. ACC future directions
 - b. Facility replacement options

G. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES April 15

H. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

I. ADJOURNMENT

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

A regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Animal Control Commission was held at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott Chesney, Chair.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Chesney, Ronnie Rosenberg, Mary Ann Fortune, Link Olson, Jamie Marschner, Alex Thornton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lindsey Heaney, Debora Gail Gardner

OTHERS PRESENT: Sandy Hill, Sharon Wittenkeller, Michelle Gutierrez

B. MESSAGES

Citizen's Comments –

1. None

Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest – None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by **Commissioner Fortune** and seconded by **Commissioner Thornton**. Carried without objection.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from January 22, 2019. Motion to approve the minutes made by **Commissioner Fortune** and seconded by **Commissioner Thornton**. Carried without objection.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Shelter Report presented by Sandy Hill –Sandy reported on the shelter orientation for the Commissioners, interviews for a casual position, casuals are on call and help to fill-in as needed. There are 5 casuals staffed. Officers are moving into their offices at emergency ops, located on Peger Road, they're utilizing the paid space. There is work on the visiting room, a large window will be added. The window will help to open up the space to discourage inappropriate behavior from the public towards the staff which has happened on occasion. Cabinetry has been ordered for the front office, this will open up a large space in the garage. The new space will be used for additional animal care space. The budget is moving along as scheduled, unknown still how the State budget will affect the overall outcome. Animal population remains on the medium range.

Adoption rate is steady. A couple of small groups of tours are planned. Children will read to the animals later in the week. The web Chameleon rep came to do training on the program. Alaska Animal Control Association is having a meeting in Anchorage on May 9th and 10th, 3 officers will be attending. Sandy would like to plan to present the Web Chameleon program to Commissioners at a future meeting.

2. Sled Dog Housing Committee Report. **Commissioner Fortune** presented a draft proposal letter to be presented to the Mayor to request assistance from the Borough for the newly proposed warm animal shelter. Commissioners discussed the letter, made suggestions and changes. The letter will be presented to the Mayor at the next meeting on March 19, 2019.
3. Budget- No information.
4. Legislative bill or activity of interest – None.

F. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

None

G. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson's Comments – The Mayor plans to attend next month's meeting.

Commissioner's Comments:

1. **Commissioner Olson** asked if there are any planned PSA's to help minimize the increase in bunny population around the Easter holiday.
2. **Commissioner Rosenberg** responded that she is working on bunnies. They have received the Holland America grant. When the funds are available there will be a down town event; Hop to it Fairbanks. There will also be a bunny hop to the bars. These events will help to raise education and awareness about keeping the bunny population down.
3. **Commissioner Thornton** thanked Sandy for the shelter tour. During the tour there was discussion about a Costco grant to help obtain supplies, such as shelves. He offered to volunteer to help set up shelves.
4. **Commissioner Rosenberg** stated she had spoken to Costco and they do not donate to animal shelters. It is their national policy. There was further discussion on how to obtain shelves with donations or by purchasing them with shelter funds.
5. **Commissioner Thornton** is interested in looking into ways to encourage responsible sales of exotic animals from pet stores who sell these animals but do not stock the supplies to care for the animal. He doesn't want to prevent the sales, just to encourage responsible sales and ownership, by educating buyers about the supply needed of that animal and knowing the options of getting those supplies, and to reduce spontaneous purchase of these animals. There was further discussion about banning the purchase of certain exotic animals.
6. **Commissioner Rosenberg** stated they are number one in the Interior for Pick.Click.Give. for January. There were a few substantial donations. Our endowment has increased.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Animal Shelter

2/1/2019 to 2/28/2019

Intakes

| | SENIOR DOG | DOG | PUPPY | SENIOR CAT | CAT | KITTEN | RABBIT | OTHER S | TOTAL |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| At Large | 7 | 25 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 51 |
| Owner Surrender | 4 | 29 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 94 |
| Return | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Foster | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Qaurantfine | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Protective Custody | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Euthanize Request | 11 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 |
| Disposal Request | 9 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 70 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 6 | 2 | 48 | 200 |

Outcomes

| | SENIOR DOG | DOG | PUPPY | SENIOR CAT | CAT | KITTEN | FERRET | RABBIT | OTHER | TOTAL |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| ADOPTION | 5 | 32 | 9 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 117 |
| RTO | 9 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| RESCUE | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| FOSTER | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| EUTH-BEHAV HIST | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| EUTH-BEHAV OBSV | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| EUTH-MEDICAL | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| EUTHR | 11 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| DISPOSAL | 10 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 23 |
| TRAP OUT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| TOTAL | 39 | 76 | 11 | 14 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 81 | 248 |

Sterilization Status of Incoming Animals

| | DOG | CAT | RABBIT |
|----------------|-----|-----|--------|
| ALTERED | 39% | 64% | 100% |
| INTACT | 60% | 35% | 0% |

March 19, 2019

Mayor Bryce J. Ward
Fairbanks North Star Borough
907 Terminal Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mayor Ward:

As FNSB Animal Control Commissioners, we are writing to request your support by way of commitment to provide the water, sewer and power hookup for a mobile shelter facility for the temporary housing of animals. Although the facility we are addressing was initially conceived as a warm shelter for the thinner coated sled dogs that arrive at our animal shelter during winter months, it would also be able to serve as a warm shelter for livestock in the absence of sprint dogs.

The issue that brought this necessity to light is the thinner coated sled dogs that are taken into our facility are not double-coated dogs. Their coats are not suited for the cold weather, and can become chilled when placed in the doghouses in the yard with the double-coated huskies. They exhibit signs of stress and anxiety when placed in the indoor facility.

The chair of our sled dog housing committee, Mary Ann Fortune, has consulted with Kevin Runyan, General Manager at Container Specialties of Alaska, Inc. in Anchorage. They are notably the largest and longest running shipping container and trailer rental and sales company, in Alaska. Their skill is customizing large containers, to the requirements of Alaska weather. They are a family owned and operated business, and trailer conversions and modifications are their specialty.

It is at this point we submit to you what we have found to be an answer to the need that we have identified.

The question we have is whether the Borough will commit to maintaining a facility, and provide water, sewer and power hookup. We are requesting that the Public Works Department explore the cost and feasibility of this request. It would be appropriate for them to also explore the Borough's approach to using donated funds as a way of paying for materials and labor for construction, as the Manager of the Division of Animal Control commented at previous Animal Control Commission meetings. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Thank you in advance, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott Chesney
FNSB Animal Control Commission Chair

Attachment: Information Research Results



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March 19,2019

Mary Ann Fortune

RE: Kennels

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| 45' Insulated KFF (Keep from freezing) Container. | \$7,500.00 |
| Remove container doors, fabricate steel wall with commercial man door, sand blast new steel and urethane paint | \$3,600.00 |
| Prep, sand, prime wood floor and cover with 40-50 mils of polyurea, add floor Drain | \$3,250.00 |
| 125 Amp R3 panel, 6 DMW T8 4' lights, light switch, 2 x 3,000 watt 240v wall heaters, ventilation fan with hood, 3 x 120v outlets | \$6,300.00 |
| 300 gallon water tank with pump and utility sink with drain out the back of container | \$1,450.00 |

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