



Baltimore County Animal Services Advisory Commission Minutes

The fourteenth regular meeting of the Baltimore County Animal Services Advisory Commission (BCASAC) was called to order on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:35 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Drumcastle Government Center.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Stone Hess, Joy Freedman, Ann Gearhart, Michelle Guarino, Leslie Kaminski, Roy Plummer, Lavinia Ringgold, Janice Vincent and Julianne Zimmer.

I. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of September, as presented

Motion by: Deborah Stone Hess

Second by: Leslie Kaminski

Decision: Unanimous Approval

II. New Business

New Volunteer Coordinator

Jennifer Flatt has left the Baltimore County Animal Shelter (BCAS) as the Volunteer Coordinator. The new Volunteer Coordinator at the Shelter is Heidi Griswold.

Third Quarter Statistics

Deborah distributed Third Quarter Statistics. It was mentioned that percentages of dogs euthanized increased by 8/10th percent and percentages of cats euthanized doubled between second and third quarter. Both total numbers for the third quarter is still lower than it was this time last year. Deborah would like to mention at the next Liaison Committee meeting that it would be nice to add an additional category to the report reflecting why these animals are being euthanized, as if behavioral, health reasons, etc.

Expected New Members

Leslie Kaminski will be retiring from the BCASAC. The County Administrator is planning to appoint additional people to the BCASAC soon.

Summary of Liaison Committee Meeting

In reference to Animal Control Officers (ACOs) and collaborations with police in crime situations involving animals, a possibility of a protocol being created for Baltimore County Police Department and the 911 Center was discussed. Julianne Zimmer has experience working with Baltimore City Police. Ann Gearhart has



experience training ACOs. They will be collaborating and working together to try to get similar training in the Baltimore County Police Training Academy.

Events

The following events will be occurring in the next month:

Friday, October 21, is the first Fall Fest in Towson.

Saturday, October 22, is BARCStoberfest 2016 in Patterson Park

Wednesday and Thursday, October 26 & 27, is the Power of Age Expo (formally known as the Senior Expo or Baby Boomer Expo) at Timonium Fairgrounds.

Saturday, November 19, is the mega adoption event at White Marsh Mall in the space currently occupied by the Halloween store. The shelter staff is working on agreements with PetSmart so that events may be conducted there and a response has not yet been received.

Dr. Jones mentioned wanting to revamp the volunteer handbook and some other materials. Deborah is going to check on the status of the Standard Operating Procedures that was supposed to be completed by July 2016.

III. JMORE Life and BCAS Post This Friday

Joy Freedman is writing for the print publication of JMORE Life on a monthly basis.

Deborah Stone-Hess is writing for the electronic blog on a weekly basis. Due to Joy's recent medical issue, Deborah's article will be in the print publication this month.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by: Deborah Stone Hess

Second by: Ann Gearhart

Decision: Unanimous Approval

The BCASAC will be meeting next on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.