

Board Members present:

Steven Tower

John Cox

Allen Iskiwitz

Jackie Johns

Cindy Sanders, acting Chair/secretary

Ex-officio:

Matt Pepper, MAS Administrator

Meeting called to order - 6:10pm

Meeting adjourned - 8:05 pm

Introduction of new Board members by Director Janet Hooks.

Steven Tower, DVM

John Cox

City Attorney review of MAS Advisory Board role as established by city ordinance

Old Business:

1. Roadside sales - will be enforced by MAS when ordinance wording change is approved by Council
(Second Request by Chair to City Attorney to provide TCA Codes that required the wording changes from citations to summons)
2. Nine outstanding intact animals from Feb 13 2010 adoption event - MAS trying to reach
3. Status of GPS systems - no report Matt will supply at next meeting

New Business:

Report by Matthew Pepper, MAS Administrator

1. Submission of adoption/euthanization/intake graphs comparing 2010 and 2009
(Chair request for graphs to be placed on City Website)
2. Personnel updates -Operations Manager - Chelton Beaman
Vet Medical Director - Rebecca Coleman
several positions still open
3. Credit card - IT still working 60 - 90 days out
4. Community Outreach - Partnership with Memphis Redbirds

John Cox -

1. Recognition of ACO Marandia Benton and ACO Darryl Hudson for handling hoarding situations and helping the community.
2. Suggestion for agenda item for next meeting - Tier ACO system

Allen Iskiwitz-

1. Request for update of existing Board vacancies -
Response by Director Hooks - Mayor will look at applications and make appointments.
2. Request for update of new shelter completion -
Response by Matt Pepper - open perhaps in July
Request by Chair to include MAS Staff in opening ceremony

Jackie Johns

1. Update on OJI status and temp. job reassignments for OJI workers
Request by Director Hooks for suggestions of temp. positions for OJI
Explanation of OJI by Director Hooks
Response by Matt Pepper - some still on OJI

Cindy Sanders

1. Request for MAS to have a central clearinghouse regarding animal info
2. Request for clerks not to give law interpretation to public

Steven Tower

Revisit credit card capabilities

Response by Director Hooks with detailed explanation of credit card selection process

Floor opened to public

City Attorney statement that there will be no discussion of recent events involving ACO impoundment of animals

Chester Burns - question regarding right to seize animals

Jan Courtney - question regarding bulldog availability at MAS - MAS- dog is available
concern regarding wrong info given by MAS regarding available animals

Mario Chiozza - concern regarding public reports of lack of water in cages

Larry Worthy - appreciates improvement at shelter/wants more done to lower euth. numbers

? - Questions regarding number of animals a citizen may own in the city

Citizens worried that ACOs will arrive at their house and impound

Beverly King - Concern over animals in "stray" area unable to be viewed by and adopted by public

MAS response - animals in stray area not yet evaluated for health/temperament

Diane McManus - Matt Pepper is doing a great job

