

# **Metro Animal Care and Control Advisory Council Meeting Minutes November 13, 2013**

## **Present:**

**Members:** Joy Beach, Councilman Phil Claiborne, Shannon Poindexter, Jon Cole, Shannon Poindexter, Dr. Tobe Singleton, Marc Stevenson,  
**Staff:** Dr. Brent Hager, Tom Sharp, Becca Morris, Spencer Hissam; Martha Bickley, recorder

Dr. Paul called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

## **Approval of September 11, 2013 Minutes**

**Jon Cole made a motion to approve the September 11, 2013 minutes as written. Joy Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **MACC Update**

Dr. Hager provided the MACC report (Attachment I). 

Rebecca Morris provided an update on the projects she is spearheading at MACC:

### Volunteer Expansion:

- MACC is now partnered with Hands On Nashville;
- The first Hands on Nashville Volunteer event was hosted on October 26; volunteers' comments following the event were highly complimentary;
- Hosted MARS Volunteer event on October 16;
- McNeely, Piggott and Fox employees completed a volunteer project on November 9, please review MACC's Facebook newsfeed for photos;
- The second volunteer Information Session is scheduled on November 16, 2013, from 1:00-2:00; 26 have already registered for the session; and
- The MACCPACK (staff and supporters of MACC) is running in the Mayor's 5K this Sunday (November 17) with the help of Vik's Hideout.

Promotion and Social Media: over 2,500 likes on Facebook and 56 Twitter followers indicate that the community is engaged, supportive and excited.

Spencer Hissam, Interim Manager at MACC, announced that 10 employees had participated in the ASPCA SAFER training, and three have passed their tests and will be receiving certificates. Two others are submitting their tests soon as well. As of Friday, November 8, MACC was able to begin evaluating all dogs based on temperament without breed-specific restriction.

Tom Sharp announced that a resolution recognizing October as Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month contributed to the increase of dog adoption for the month, and that 61 dogs were adopted

at the \$25.00 discount promotion. He also announced that 60 cats were adopted during the 90-day \$5.00 cat adoption promotion; 126 cats were adopted during fiscal year 2013.

### **Legislative Update**

Councilman Claiborne said no animal-related legislation was pending.

### **Rover/Spay-Neuter**

Joy Beach advised that to date 496 dogs or cats had been spayed or neutered at MACC by Rover during 2013.

### **MACC Intake Fees for Out-of-County Residents and Commercial Trappers**

Tom Sharp noted that a commercial trapper had not been identified to gauge possible acceptance of or resistance to MACC charging a fee to trappers surrendering nuisance animals. He advised there were other obstacles which may or may not be resolved.

### **Other Business**

- Marc Stevenson voiced concern that dog parks were not properly noticed regarding whom to call when aggressive dogs are present or attack other dogs. Councilman Claiborne advised that Metro Parks has sole authority over the dog parks and signage there.
- Councilman Claiborne updated those present on the progress of the dog park at Two Rivers, which he hopes will open in spring 2014.
- Councilman Claiborne requested that a report be provided at the January 8, 2014 meeting on the monies collected and expended from the \$3.00 allocation of the boarding fees for education and animal welfare fund.
- Spencer Hissam said that Crossroads Pets is functioning well and is routinely pulling animals from MACC. They have taken 13 cats and 26 dogs from MACC. He agreed to check on the provisions for dog walking/exercise at Crossroads Pets.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled on **Wednesday, January 8, 2014** at 3:00 p.m. in Room 212 of the Lentz Public Health Center.

**Please mark your calendar for the next meeting date: January 8, 2014.**

**The following dates are currently scheduled for 2014:**

**January 8      March 12      May 14      July 16      September 10      November 12**

# Monthly MACC Metrics

Report prepared by Brent Hager

Report Covers Month of: Oct-13

	Program/Service	Current Month	Same Month Previous Year	% Difference	YTD	YTD Previous Year	% Difference
<b>1</b>	<b>INTAKE</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>3500</b>	<b>3327</b>	<b>5%</b>
	Dogs	373	410	-9%	1706	1722	-1%
	Cats	334	372	-10%	1794	1605	12%
<b>2</b>	<b>ADOPTIONS</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>48%</b>
	Dogs	104	89	17%	344	276	25%
	Cats	35	21	67%	189	85	122%
<b>3</b>	<b>RESCUE/TRANSFER</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>913%</b>
	Dogs	30	0	100%	117	16	631%
	Cats	4	0	100%	45	0	100%
<b>4</b>	<b>EUTHANIZED</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>2568</b>	<b>2827</b>	<b>-9%</b>
	Dogs	216	305	-29%	1081	1270	-15%
	Cats	303	361	-16%	1487	1557	-4%
<b>5</b>	<b>SPAY/NEUTER @ MACC</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>31%</b>
	Dogs	65	77	-16%	270	225	20%
	Cats	25	32	-22%	149	96	55%
<b>6</b>	<b>ROVER SPAY/NEUTER @ MACC</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>
	Dogs	49	0	100%	158	0	100%
	Cats	46	0	100%	164	0	100%
<b>7</b>	<b>SPAY/NEUTER @ OUTSIDE VETS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-12%</b>
	Dogs	0	0	0%	29	56	-48%
	Cats	0	0	0%	21	1	2000%
<b>8</b>	<b>SERVICE REQUESTS/COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>1293</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>4542</b>	<b>5450</b>	<b>-17%</b>