

## **Metro Animal Care and Control Advisory Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2012**

### **Present:**

Bill Paul, MD, MPH, Jim Phillips, DVM, Billy Biggs, Phran Galante, Jon Cole, Brent Hager, Tom Sharp, Janis Sontany, Teri Zweifel, Council Phil Claiborne, and Council Lady Karen Bennett.  
Martha Bickley, recorder

Dr. Paul called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### **Approval of July 18, 2012 Minutes**

**Jon Cole made a motion to approve the July 18, 2012 minutes. Phran Galante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **MACC Update**

Dr. Hager submitted a report regarding dog bites (Attachment I).

Dr. Hager thanked Joy Beach (absent) and Nashville Humane Association for arranging that ROVER be onsite at MACC the previous Friday, and for waiving the \$500 per diem. ROVER is scheduled to be on site again on October 19. There was discussion of how to optimize the surgery schedule so that the day would be full in spite of missed appointments, if any. Dr. Phillips asked if any means testing was applied to those receiving spay and neuter surgeries from ROVER at MACC. Dr. Hager explained that no Metro funds were being used and that those functions are funded entirely by Nashville Humane Association.

Dr. Hager addressed Rep. Sontany's questions about use of the surgery suite for spays and neuters, and offered that Dr. Diveley puts the suite to its maximum use consistently. Dr. Hager noted that Dr. Diveley is still required to accompany officers in the field to tranquilize an animal that is otherwise unable to be captured. Rep. Sontany offered to assist in overcoming obstacles by asking the veterinary board to contact Dr. Hager.

### **Legislative Update**

Council Lady Bennett reported that Councilman Tygard's bill allowing schools to keep hens on school property had passed the previous night. She asked if MPHD was able to offer recommendations, and Tom Sharp said that Councilman Tygard had consulted with MPHD and incorporated the department's recommendations.

Council Lady Bennett announced that she and Councilmembers Garrett, Weiner, and Pardue are introducing legislation to provide care for Metro service animals after they are retired from service.

Ms. Galante asked if there were possibility of improving the tethering bill in the upcoming year. Council Lady Bennett advised that limiting the type of tether would be a feasible improvement.

### **UPAW Update**

Ms. Galante reported that the education collaboration has not yet found a date to accommodate Ms. Ladebauche's, Ms. Beach's schedules. The goal is to get MACC, Nashville Humane, Lovie's Legacy and UPAW at the table.

Lisa Stetar with the New Visions program of Room at the Inn attended the recent UPAW meeting. Dr. Paul had also met with Ms. Stetar, and Dr. Hager would be meeting with her September 20.

A UPAW member is planning to propose a regular column to The Tennessean about animal issues. Tom Sharp recommended asking the newspaper to include it in the Davidson A.M. section. Councilman Claiborne suggested proposing a similar column to neighborhood papers, and Ms. Galante was receptive.

Ms. Galante sought the opinion of those present on a school contest whereby students would submit artwork related to animals and the winning submission would be displayed on a MACC truck. Councilman Claiborne suggested contacting Red River, as they are the vendor Metro uses for garbage collection and they conduct a poster contest each year for recycling. He added that Hall and Associates works with Red River in that effort. Council Lady Bennett also recommended contacting Jen Cole, director of Metro Arts Commission. Various advantages and disadvantages to cladding a MACC vehicle were discussed. Dr. Hager also mentioned the effectiveness of bus advertising, both overhead inside, and the exterior. Dr. Paul also noted that the Arts Commission hosts Artober Nashville in the month of October, in recognition of National Arts and Humanities Month, and October 2013 might be an opportune time to conduct a contest.

#### **Data Collection Update**

In Ms. Beach's and Ms. Ladebauche's absence there was no report.

#### **Update on Partnership Between Pets and People**

In Ms. Beach's absence there was no report.

#### **The Big Fix 2020**

Ms. Galante advised that she was at a point where a meeting including her, Dr. Paul and Rep. Sontany was desirable, and Dr. Paul was agreeable to a meeting.

#### **Evaluation/Other Business**

Council Lady Bennett suggested that MACC participate in the city's Christmas parade. Councilman Claiborne offered to ask the parade sponsor, Piedmont Natural Gas, to contact Dr. Hager. He also offered to get MACC in the Donelson-Hermitage Christmas parade.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled on **Wednesday, November 14, 2012** at 3:00 p.m. in Room 212 of the Lentz Public Health Center.

**Please mark your calendar for the 2013 meeting dates: January 9, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11, and November 13.**