

Metro Animal Care and Control Advisory Council Meeting Minutes January 11, 2012

Present:

Dr. Bill Paul	Phran Galante
Councilman Phil Claiborne	Council Lady Karen Bennett
Jon Cole	Marc Stevenson
Joy Beach	Dr. Jim Phillips
Dr. Brent Hager	Teri Zweifel
Joe Pinilla	Tom Sharp
Judy Ladebauche	Martha Bickley, recorder

Dr. Paul called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of November 9, 2011 Minutes

Jon Cole made a motion to approve the November 9, 2011 minutes as written. Phran Galante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MACC Update

Judy Ladebauche provided a three-page report detailing bites by breed as requested by Rep. Sontany at the November meeting. She noted the percentage (17-22) of bites dogs that were classified as stray or not claimed by owner.



Bites 2009-2011.pdf

Dr. Phillips said that a report that provided information about circumstances of the bites would be helpful. Dr. Paul agreed that a descriptive analysis of bites would be helpful in better understanding what the risk factors are and in making informed interventions, for instance in how we interact with police or policy approaches that can help reduce bites. He recommended reconvening the data committee specific to bites. He also noted and the group agreed that the distribution of breeds in the community is an unknowable statistic. Ms. Ladebauche offered to provide at the next meeting the circumstances of bites and a breakdown of how many are bites occurring within the owner's household.

Ms. Ladebauche announced that MACC has been selected again to be one of 29 stops on North Shore Animal League's Tour for Life. The event will be Saturday, April 14. She provided a few details about the anticipated entertainment lineup.

Computer issues on the MACC trucks have prompted updating of the computers; two have been installed and others will be updated.

Ms. Ladebauche provided an update on the "Prada" case, which is on its third appeal. Prada has been held at MACC since January 2011.

Legislative Update

Councilmember Bennett reported that the domesticated hen bill is scheduled for third reading in Metro Council on Tuesday, January 17 and would become effective on either March 1 or 30 days after passage. A community meeting will be held at Antioch Church of Christ on Saturday, January 14, noon-2:00; Tom Sharp will attend for MPHD. Councilmembers can exempt their district from the ordinance. Dr. Paul asked what the onus on MACC would be and Ms. Bennett said she didn't expect it would be too great; she anticipates fewer than 100 permits will be requested.

UPAW Update

Phran Galante reported that a productive UPAW meeting was held the previous night; they continue to see new faces and have made connections with two other organizations that will help with publicizing the zip code project via their web sites, e-mail lists, facebook and twitter. UPAW is putting a renewed focus on the education aspect of their activities. Also, UPAW is working with child and adult protective services in discussing the progression of animal abuse to child abuse and domestic violence.

UPAW is working towards the late night at MACC adoption event and hopes to have materials to present at the March 14 meeting.

Update on Partnership Between Pets and People

Joe Pinilla reported that 425 animals had been spayed or neutered in 37013 zip code from 328 families: 132 female dogs, 121 male dogs, 98 female cats, and 74 male cats. In zip code 37207, 452 animals have been spayed or neutered from 236 families: 153 female dogs, 145 male dogs, 81 female cats and 73 male cats.

Mike Rhule is not able to produce die cut door hangers in house but is able to produce a piece that can be left at doors or folded or rolled up and left at fences.

Reverse 911 is being explored; Joy Beach spoke with Kevin Penney of OEM earlier in the day, who said that there were some technical challenges and training issues but he hopes that would be operating the following week.

Once the grant terms have been fulfilled the project can include or move to other zip codes; Ms. Beach said those areas would be determined by where MACC has the largest number of running at large complaints are filed. MS. Ladebauche said currently 37211 is generating the most complaints.

Mr. Pinilla said that while the Petsmart portion of the grant would continue, the educational materials portion, which is under the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant, would end March 18. Nashville Humane Association and MACC would continue the zip code project.

The Big Fix 2020

Dr. Phillips reported that the meetings with veterinarians that he has hoped would occur had not occurred. Ms. Galante suggested limiting the numbers of veterinarians to make convening a group easier; Dr. Phillips agreed. Mr. Stevenson recommended contacting Dr. Jill Burgess of Animal Hospital of West Nashville. Dr. Phillips mentioned that Dr. Ladd's term as president of the Davidson County Veterinary Association would end in February and Dr. Alice Emberton would serve as president.

General Discussion/New Business

Phran Galante tried to contact Lisa Naylor of Friends of MACC but had not heard back from her. She was unable to locate contact information for David Collins.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, **March 14, 2011** at 3:00 p.m. in Room 212 of the Lentz Public Health Center.

2012 meeting dates are:

March 14

May 9

July 11

September 12

November 14