

APPROVED

1. Call to Order

Ms. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present:

Kristin Almquist

Tamara Barrick

Laura O'Brien

Gail Smith

Andrew Squire

Jodi Cavanaugh

Kristen Pogreba-Brown (late)

Kristen Auerbach (non-voting)

Absent:

Erin O'Donnell

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Adoption of March 12, 2020 & June 11, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes for March 12 approved unanimously.

Minutes for June 11, 2020 corrected from "Grant received from University of Arizona...." to Grant received from Spring Point to hire a researcher to work with Kristin Pogreba- Brown. Minutes approved as amended.

3. Call to the Audience – 3 minutes or less. Please refrain from repeating comments of another speaker.

No speakers for call to audience. Public can link into meeting the same as members of the committee.

4. Standing Items:

a) Friends of PACC – Tammi Barrick

- Tammi Barrick is stepping down as the Chair of Friends of PACC. Laura O'Brien is the New Chair as of July 1, 2020. Ms. Barrick will be available as past chair for the transitioning.
- A new development director for Friends has been hired. He is Torre Chisholm and will start on August 3, 2020.
- Funding secured for the orthopedic equipment, which has been ordered and is due for delivery today.
- Training yesterday for the new ultra sound equipment delivered in July. Clinic staff is excited and happy to have this new equipment available to use on the animals in the clinic.
- New Development Director will be the lead for Friends of PACC.

b) Volunteer Report

- No report
- Two people have applied for the volunteer representative position. Ms. Hassen is not sure information for position has reached everyone and a new email will be sent to further advertise the position.
- Kristin Almquist - Six month report for volunteer activity is very helpful for the number volunteers on site, what they are doing and the division of the schedule.

5. Animal Services Report

- Six Month Report distributed to Board of Supervisors (BOS) by Mr. Huckleberry.
- More emphasis is being placed on community pet owner services while still performing our core functions.
- PACC will be under budget this fiscal year. Any budget savings will go back into the General Fund since PACC is a general fund department.
- Six Month Report was catching up to get information to the BOS due to COVID19 situation.
- Some areas within the City of Tucson and South Tucson are being hit hard with outreach efforts, especially to help people feed their pets. PACC is starting to see an increased need to help people keep their pets in this challenging time.
- Andrew Squire will share the report with Tucson City Council members and mentioned it may be an agenda item in the next few months.
- PACCAC members will be notified of any requests to attend City Council or BOS meetings.

6. COVID Update

- The financial impact of COVID19 is unknown at this time but PACC is starting to test how it will respond to those financial impacts. PACC has started owned pet boarding for owners who have died or been hospitalized due to COVID.
- Almost \$400,000 in grants received to help with program support.
- PACC staff has moved back to split schedules with most staff working 12 hour days.
- Services at PACC are by appointment only. There has been push back from some folks who are not happy about having to wear masks, go through a temperature check station or have an appointment. People are getting edgy and tense and it has gotten scary for staff, especially at the temp check station. PACC is trying to get a security guard who will be stationed at the main gate to greet and screen people for appointments. Appointments are working for the most part.
- Intakes are rising and with the anticipated rise in evictions, PACC expects to see more owned animals admitted. People are just moving and leaving pets behind without contacting PACC.
- Evictions are still suspended at this time. With people being minimally employed or not employed this has the potential to become a big mess.
- City of Tucson is following legislation closely regarding the next round of Cares Act funding and how money will be earmarked. Housing is part of the conversation.
- PACC will track by zip code for the increased intakes and abandoned animals and will share with City of Tucson.

- PACC administration is worried and can provide boarding for owned animals. In some cases, it is long-term care. PACC is ramping up fund raising through Friends of PACC and grants to provide up to \$50,000 - \$60,000 for pet boarding vouchers through Central Pet. When PACC runs out of space pets would go to Central Pet with PACC paying for boarding. First priority will be for an owner to be able to keep their pets.
- Kristen Hassen and Andrew Squire will meet to see if any of the Cares Act money could be allocated to help offset boarding costs as part of the City of Tucson's contractual obligations.
- PACC is working to get any additional funding it can through grants and donations.
- The need for owned pet support is increasing. There has been an increase in owner animals surrendered to emergency vets due to costs and coming into PACC.
- Kristen Almquist complemented PACC's response to the Bighorn Fire and boarding options for pets belonging to people who evacuated.
- Thanks to Kristen Pogreba-Brown for her help and guidance for COVID19 to keep PACC staff and the public safe from a public health viewpoint.
- Staff is bare bones right now due to people out on pandemic leave, sick leave and other leave. Dispatch is particularly hard hit right now. There may be an interruption in services. PACC just got permission to hire 15 open positions.

7. PACCAC Volunteer Liaison

Working on filling position.

8. Shelter Needs and Volunteer Opportunities

- PACC is starting to implement some new volunteer positions. Working to get volunteers integrated back into operations. Help with adoptions and potentially virtual adoptions.

9. Agenda Requests

- Send agenda requests to Laura O'Brien.
- Need to fill three open positions on committee.
- Need to elect new officers. Check by laws with County Attorney.
- Another bequest was received that will help to extend pet support services.
- Gail Smith requested to share PACC 2019 Safety Report with the Board of Health.
- PACC still needs fabric masks. PACC is handing out paper masks for the public who may need one. Masks are require when at PACC.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.