Pima County Animal Care Advisory Committee Minutes
April 8, 2021
4000 N. Silverbell Rd.
Tucson, Arizona 85745

1. Call to Order

Ms. Barrick called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present:          Absent:
Tamara Barrick (Chair)              Jean Davis
Laura O’Brien (Vice - Chair)        Kristin Almquist
Steve Farley                      Gail Smith
Jodi Cavanaugh                   Andrew Squire
Kristen Pogreba-Brown              
Cindy Bezuary                      
Erin O’Donnell                     
Monica Dangler (non-voting)

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dangler led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Speaker Presentation

Dr. Josh Fisher, Director Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care & Control, North Carolina & Director of National Animal Control Association (NACA)

What’s Next in the Field of Animal Control?

• In 2020, the COVID19 pandemic caused a total re-evaluation of the way Animal Control work is done.
• Formation of Human Animal Support Services (HASS) initiatives has shifted the focus on keeping pets and people together on a more holistic level.
• Changes include moving services to a more remote function with the focus on keeping more animals with owners and in foster care. Piloting new programs around foster, rescue, transport, volunteers and expanding virtual services.
• Animal Services have gone digital with on-line self-service appointment scheduling, virtual adoptions, chat functions and online meetings
• There is a new focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Does you agency reflect the community that is served. Need to look at marketing, and promotional processes to bring more inclusion.

3. Adoption of March 11, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes for March 11, 2021 approved unanimously.

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

• Tag Almaden – No response when called.
Janice Bailey spoke regarding her dog, who had been injured and relinquished by her to VCA – Valley Animal, and subsequently adopted out by PACC. She received an email from JJ Johnson about her dog today with a picture. Transmission was bad and she was cutting in/out. She is trying to connect with the foster family for information about her and trying to get her back. PACC is not able to do anything more.

Bennett Bernal – This may not be the time to address this if he cannot get answers. He did an eviction several weeks ago and needs clarification on what constitutes an abandoned dog and the process for returning a dog to an owner. They have never be told not to give water to a dog. He would like a discussion on this issue.

5. **Standing Items**

   a) **Friends of PACC – Torre Chisholm**
      - Arizona Gives Day was very successful. The goal of $75,000 was achieved. FOP was number two in state for fundraising in their category; they won a power hour, and are in running for an additional grant of about $7,300. Thanks to volunteers, staff and others who help make it a success.
      - FOP added a new board member to the FOP board last month.

   b) **Volunteer Report – Cindy Bezuary**
      - Pet numbers and volunteer numbers are up in the last month, number of hours worked and number of new volunteers.
      - The Volunteer Coordinator is leaving; many volunteers are stepping up to help with administrative functions for the next several months until the position can be filled.
      - Shout out to the many volunteers and fosters who spent a great deal of time and effort to help make Arizona Gives Day successful.

   c) **PAAW Update – Laura O’Brien**
      - No update. The meeting has not occurred yet.

6. **PACCAC Appointments**

   - Jean Davis resigned from the Committee today. The Committee is waiting for Matt Heinz, District 2, to appoint a new representative.

7. **Ordinance Review**

   - Ms. Barrick sent an email today to participants to get schedules sorted and a meeting. Progress has stalled.

8. **Animal Services Report**

   - Highlights for March include a 30% pet unification rate, up by 4% over last month.
   - Ajo outreach event served 35 families with microchips, vaccinations, food and supplies.
Pima County Animal Care Advisory Committee Minutes
April 8, 2021
Page 3 of 3

• An upcoming event next month in District 2 will distribute food and supplies and PACC will partner with Lovepup for microchipping of pets. Up to 600 families are expected.
• The new veterinarian, Dr. Page Anderson, has started in the clinic.
• Interviews have been completed for an APS Supervisor and APS Officers. They will be starting soon once the hiring process is completed.
• PACC received a $225,000 grant from the Petco Foundation, soon to be called Petco Love. The award is to recognize the work PACC is doing and our partnership with them.
• Ms. Dangler gave the monthly Animal Services Report for March 2020 and slide presentation.
• National Animal Control Association (NACA) Community Cat Position Statement

9. Budget Review

• PACC FY21-22 Budget has been submitted to the County Administrator for review. Community Spay/Neuter funding was increased by him for FY21-22. No additional changes have been noted. PACC budget will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2021 for approval.
• Mr. Farley asked if a copy of the budget is available. Generally, the proposed budget will be posted and available to the public a week prior to the BOS Meeting in which it will be discussed. It is not available to the PACCAC Committee at this time.

10. Agenda Requests

• Mr. Farley requested an item be added to the agenda related to the concerns expresses by Bennet Bernal regarding abandoned animals and animals in distress. This issue may also be related to the ordinance review.

11. Adjournment

• Meeting adjourned at 16:58 p.m.