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1. Call to Order

Ms. Barrick called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present:

Tamara Barrick (Chair)
Laura O'Brien (Vice - Chair)
Jodi Cavanaugh (late)
Cindy Bezuary
Erin O'Donnell (late)
Gail Smith
Andrew Squire
Monica Dangler (non-voting)

Absent:

Steve Farley
Kristin Almquist
Kristen Progreba-Brown

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Barrick led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Speaker Presentation

Christina Snow, PACC Animal Protection Manager
Animal Protection Services – What We Can & Cannot Do

- Discussion of what Animal Protection Officers can and cannot do from a legal perspective.
- How APS determines if a pet needs to be impounded and how they find alternative solutions to impoundment.
- How keeping pets with their families and returning pets in the field impacts PACC's ability to save lives.
- PACC APS operates on a priority level. Discussion of what is a priority and how calls are prioritized.
- She discussed cruelty/neglect calls and what a priority call versus a lower level call is. Generally, a higher priority call will result in impoundment and possible felony or misdemeanor charges.
- APS Officers will work with owners on lower level neglect calls to educate, provide resources, and correct deficiencies.
- APS Officers will work with owners when possible to keep pets with families in cases of evictions, hospitalizations, arrests, domestic violence, and homelessness, etc.
- APS Officers will try to field return stray pets when possible. This frees shelter space for pets that need to come into PACC due to homelessness, medical and/or behavioral issues and owners facing temporary hardship.
- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program for community cats is ongoing. Roughly, 135-150 cats are altered each month. APS will investigate bite cases and cruelty/neglect cases involving community cats.

3. Animals and Evictions

- Continued due to absence of Steve Farley.

4. Adoption of April 8, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

- Minutes for April 8, 2021 approved unanimously.

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

- Leah Mullin did not respond for call to audience.

6. Standing Items

a) Friends of PACC – Torre Chisholm

- Fiesta de los Perros y los Gatos is tomorrow evening at PACC.
- Roman Urias is the new Development and Marketing person for FOP.
- Installation of the new agility equipment has started.
- FOP is preparing for their FY 2022 budget.
- In FY 2021, FOP provided almost \$700,000 to support PACC.

b) Volunteer Report – Cindy Bezuary

- Volunteer recognition is occurring this month. There are some amazing stories and recognition happening from staff and among the volunteers.
- Outreach activities are continuing. Thanks to folks working with Fill the Pantry who are picking up and dropping off supplies.
- Top Dog is resuming their activities and programs for other dog walkers.
- New volunteers are trickling in; there has been a slowing of on boarding due to the vacancy of the Volunteer Coordinator position. Some of the volunteers have stepped up to help.
- More of the non-active volunteers are coming back to PACC.

c) PAAW Update – Laura O'Brien

- David Gardner is the new Community Foundation of Southern Arizona (CFSA) Program Manager for Grants and Initiatives. He will be working with PAAW and other CFSA programs.
- Rescue Me Tucson has offered their space at the Outlet Mall as a potential location for a smaller version of Adopt Love/Adopt Local to take place over multiple days. Tentative for next fall.
- The next bi-Annual PAAW meeting is September 24, 2021 via Zoom.
- No Kill Pima County is holding a free drive thru microchipping event on June 27, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. hosted by the Town of Marana.

7. PACCAC Appointments

- District 2 representative, Matt Heinz, is working to appoint a new member to the committee.

8. Ordinance Review

- Ms. Barrick, Ms. Cavanaugh and Mr. Farley were able to meet. Mr. Squire was absent. They will sent up another meeting in the next few weeks.
- Mr. Squire is requesting a lawyer from the Pima County Attorney's Office to work with a City of Tucson counterpart with input for changes.
- Mr. Squire went out of order to address issues for Item 3 on the agenda. Constable Bernal is still asking for clarification for abandoned animals and cruelty/neglect. Laws are ambiguous and do not protect the animal. The specific dog came into PACC. The owner did not come forward. The dog is safe.
 - Item continued to next meeting due to Mr. Farley's absence. The Pima County Attorneys who were in the meeting earlier had been dismissed when the item was continued. They will be asked back to the next meeting.
 - Ms. Cavanaugh requested reports regarding this specific situation.
 - Ms. Barrick asked for PACC policies involved and reports of actual events. The Committee needs to address the broader picture as it applies to PACC policy.
 - Ms. Barrick also asked for documentation from Constable Bernal.
 - Some of the issues may be addressed with the ordinance review and subsequent changes in law. State law may also affect this issue and what can be done from a legal perspective.

9. Animal Services Report

- Highlights for April include a surge in animal intakes.
- Kittens, animals with medical issues, and surrenders due to illness, mostly Parvo and Distemper account for a large number of these increases.
- Community support continues to help with lost/found pets being held by finders and more quickly being reunited with their families. PACC can provide food and supplies if needed.
- The Safety Net Foster program continues to grow and be successful with most of the animals reuniting with their families.
- Medical outreach requests continue to go up.
- Keeping Families Together has utilized grant funding to help folks with pet deposits, minor medical procedures and low cost dentals in partnership with the Humane Society.
- PACC is starting to see the economic impacts of COVID. More surrenders, lower adoptions, people who lost jobs and can no longer afford pets. PACC is offering free adoptions and waiving some fees.
- Spay/Neuter surgeries have increased as have TNR spay/neuter surgeries in the clinic.
- PACC Adoption Event is tomorrow. It is a drive-in video event.
- PACC is not seeing the return of adopted pandemic pets.

10. Budget Review

- The budget hearing before the Board of Supervisors was yesterday. There were no big changes. Spay/neuter funding was restored to \$500,000.

11. Agenda Requests

- Animals and Evictions.
- Zoom meetings will continue.

12. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 17:10 p.m.