



Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board

Minutes – 03/19/2019*

A meeting of the Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board was held at Manatee County Animal Services, 305 25th Street West Palmetto, FL 34221 on *March 19, 2019.

Roll Call

Sarah Brown, MCAS Chief

Board members:

Lisa Barnott

Jana Martin

Katie Howard

Lisa Williams

Laurie Wasoski

Gerald Thomas

Welcome

Meeting called to order by Chair, Lisa Barnott

Approval of Minutes

February minutes were approved.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm.
2. February 2019 minutes were approved.
3. Shelter updates from Chief Sarah Brown:
 - February 2019 save rate reached 92 percent. Shelter population: 139 dogs, 67 cats.
 - Construction is to begin in the medical area the following week in March.
 - The new Cat Town facility is hopefully going to be ready in late spring.
 - Hans Wohlgefahrt is continuing work on projects and events. He is talking with senior centers, encouraging senior-senior animal programs and programs/events with kids at risk and the Sarasota Ballet.
 - The new kennel manager started work.
 - There is application for the advisory board position of veterinarian.
 - New animal ordinance, 1919: Changes in ordinance to include dog housing and kennel specifications. When Sarah Brown is finished, she will go over changes with the animal advisory board.
 - BOCC meeting April 23, 2019 will include approval of funding for new shelter.

4. Public comment: None
5. Board business:
 - Gerald Thomas asked if there was any more information about using microchips to also license animals. At this point, more research is needed on legal issues and the extra work involved.
 - Gerald Thomas asked if the animal control officer positions had been filled. The officers were still needed.
 - There was discussion about adding a volunteer manager position and the board agreed that this position is necessary. A letter would be drafted to the Board of County Commissioners to request and recommend this additional staff member.
6. Next meeting May 21
7. Meeting adjourned.