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Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board Minutes - February 27, 2018

In attendance:

Sarah Brown, MCAS Chief

Board members: Lisa Williams, Lisa Barnot, Gerald Thomas, Jana Martin, Katie Howard, Laurie Wasoski

Meeting called to order by Chair, Lisa Barnot 5:45 pm

1. January minutes were approved.
2. New board members, Katie Howard and Laurie Wasoski were introduced.
3. County commissioner Carol Whitmore handed out copies of an email exchange concerning Sarasota puppy mill dog case. It may be a year until it is final.
4. Division updates given by Chief Sarah Brown.
 - A. 232 current shelter census. 92% save rate in January, 2018.
 - B. Two openings for veterinary technicians.
 - C. New veterinarian was in hiring process.
 - D. New turf update; artificial grass donated by FOMCAS was installed and a ribbon cutting ceremony was scheduled for March 7.
 - E. MCAS upcoming events: Cat yoga, Paws in Motion at the Humane Society, bakery events.
 - F. Volunteer training: Open Paw training on Fridays.
5. Discussion of Abuse registry.
 - A. Waiting to find out results of a Humane Society bill before moving forward.
6. Discussion of Senator Stuebe bill 1576, concerning found animals.
7. Discussion of how to proceed with pet store puppy mill ban. County Commissioner Carol Whitmore said she will ask the commission if they are going to follow through with this issue and also the other issues presented to the BOCC by the advisory board last summer.
8. Jana Martin brought up the issue of the expired doggy dining ordinance.
 - A. Carol Whitmore will ask if anything needs to be done, perhaps a resolution.
9. Future Issues.
 - A. More research on the benefits of county requirement of breeding licenses.
 - B. Discussion of enforcement of dog park rules. Many instances of problems at the dog parks.
 - C. Discussion of a larger sign to indicate the location of Manatee County Animal Services.

Public comment:

Discussion of past problems at animal services and what has been done to change things to create a better experience for our county animals.

Next meeting scheduled for March 20, 2018.

Meeting adjourned.