

# Animal Care & Control



## AD HOC TASK FORCE

### BUDGET & FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE

**February 18, 2015 from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

The Vice Chair opened the meeting and the meeting notes from Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> were accepted without change.

The Vice Chair discussed thoughts on how to best approach the subcommittee's recommendations to deliver high-level, meaningful report to the Board of Supervisors. It was suggested that everyone put forward their recommendations, "get everything out", then members may vote on the items each support.

A member offered a recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Charge the New Hope partners a small amount per dog to cover the Bordetella vaccine and apply any remaining funds to the cost of care being provided at the shelter.

Another member recommended that more grants should be pursued. This prompted questions as to what grants have been secured and the amounts over the past year.

**Action Item:** To provide information to the members on grants.

A member recommended that the New Hope partners be required to provide 4 to 8 volunteer hours per month. It was explained the Outreach & Marketing group has discussed and support adding "strongly recommended" rather than mandatory or required service. As a result, the member **RECOMMENDED** that the need for volunteers be included in the Volunteer Orientation training. ***This is to be forwarded to the Outreach & Marketing subcommittee.***

A member **RECOMMENDED** the Board explore options of using General Funds and/or a bond process to build a new East facility.

The Vice Chair asked that everyone re-review Dr. Silva's "Wish List" provided in an earlier presentation.

A follow-up item was for staff to provide information on the available capacity for additional clinic staff. Dr. Silva advised that in reviewing another shift and scheduling, the current clinic has the capacity for **6 additional veterinarians and 6 additional vet technicians**. This will allow for a much higher level of care and attention as well as shorter waiting periods while pending a spay or neuter procedure. The Vice Chair stated the recommendation should be better crafted to show the basis and expected outcomes – not just the #.

A member **RECOMMENDED** increasing the number of Spay & Neuter Vouchers. Currently, 20 are given to each of the two locations. There was discussion that the Friends of Animal Care & Control would be the funding source.

There was discussion on raising donations when Pet Friendly license plates are purchased and possibly a stuffer in the MVD renewals.

A member **RECOMMENDED** having a way to designate where donations are to be applied. A member shared that there is currently a comment box available. Dr. Silva stated that donations do not pay for overhead costs. More resources are needed to support the voucher program.

The current list of developing recommendations was reviewed:

#1 – Increasing licensing compliance by X% by X time.

- With MCACC striving for and maintaining 45%, what is a good national average # to compare?

#1a – Partnering with veterinarian community – would be a caveat to supporting a significant increase.

- There would also need to have increased enforcement.
- Staff confirmed that vets send in Rabies certifications to the department. A member suggested that a change to the ordinance may be needed to require veterinary support. It was explained that a County ordinance would only apply to unincorporated areas, that the cities would have their own set of ordinances related to animals.

- Dr. Silva suggested that a comprehensive marketing plan promoting the benefits of licensing may be an option with the idea the revenue would more than cover the cost of the promotion while adding revenue to support some of the recommendations being discussed.
- There was discussion on % of compliance by geographic area.
- The Vice Chair is to work with AI A. on getting licensing data.

#5 – Increase of satellite offices, i.e., Scottsdale. Other locations like Glendale and Queen Creek should be considered since the Scottsdale location has been successful.

#### #6 – New Shelter

- A new East shelter to accommodate today's as well as future growth in order to serve the community's needs.
- A member shared that based on recent experience, the average cost for a basic shelter is \$255 sq. ft.
- The Vice Chair suggested that the **RECOMMENDATION** should be to conduct a feasibility study to determine future needs. Based on the needs analysis, County leadership could plan for future capital projects.

#7 & #8 – Combine – Vet Staffing – A formal recommendation should be crafted based on industry standards, needs and outcomes.

#9 – On Hold and may not proceed.

#10 – Conduct a workload analysis on the Alternative Placement Team(s) to determine if the team is being utilized to the fullest potential.

- *This item should be forwarded to the Process & Service Subcommittee.*

#11 – Micro-Chipping – The Vice-Chair along with a member who volunteered, will discuss this in more detail with AI A.

#12 – Increase the budgetary expenditure limit – This is deemed as a high priority so that as new revenue enters into the system, it can be spent to improve the operations.



Due to the time, the meeting was closed.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2015