



CLALLAM COUNTY ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES of October 1, 2024

MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

Sheriff's Office representative Elizabeth Waknitz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., October 1, 2024.

Also present were:

Mike Hill	Tracey Kellas	Lisa Hopper	Linda Allen	Lorraine Shore
Ed Bauck	Kimberlie Kitts	Danielle Hursh	Mark Ozias	Susan Sanders
Suzanne Hadley	Martha Ireland	Mel Marshall	Shayna Robnett	
Meagan Karnes				

Joining late were:

Brian Smith (2:51) Sheriff King (2:45)

Absent were:

John Southard	Dave Campbell	Amy Bundy	Jason Viada
Randy Johnson	Barbara Brabant	Danette Grady	

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Introductions by Members

b. Nomination/Selection of Board positions

ACTION TAKEN: Linda Allen nominated herself as Chair with no other nominations forthcoming, Susan Sanders seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

Susan Sanders nominated herself as Vice-Chair with no other nominations forthcoming, Linda Allen seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

c. Discussion

- 1) Establishment of priorities for the Committee to work on – conclusions reached were to focus on services for Shelter, Spay/Neuter, and Animal Identification
- 2) Need for centralized public messaging to the community, as available existing resources are frequently underutilized as citizens aren't aware of them. Can the county create a Facebook page for the committee? Undersheriff Shore responded that the Sheriff's Office page can put messages out on behalf of the committee.
- 3) Animal ID tags vs microchips – who has responsibility for selling/tracking ID tags, and whether the licenses are effective or can be enforced. Could we purchase microchip scanners to distribute to fire districts or law enforcement so they can identify loose animals?
- 4) Clarification on shelter services offered now or in the future from 1) Olympic Peninsula Humane Society – Martha (OPHS Secretary) confirmed they will not take any animals currently, and are still working on their future plans. 2) Fox Bell Humane Society – information presented in Facebook or PDN articles could not be confirmed. 3) Foster/rescue groups stated they are not set up for sheltering at the scale needed, and are being overwhelmed with requests.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Creation of a mission statement
- Creation of public messaging information for social media
- Organization of events such as spay/neuter or microchip clinics

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Public participation was encouraged throughout the discussion.

NEXT MEETING – November 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 3:48 p.m.