

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
November 26, 2018**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley

Members Absent:

Carol Clark
Michael O'Donnel
Fred Boch
James Haywood

Others Present:

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County
Bob Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
John West, St. Clair County Board Member
Herb Simmons, 911 Executive Director, St. Clair County
June Chartrand, St. Clair County Board Member
Marty Crawford, St. Clair County Board Member
F.X. Heiligenstein, St. Clair County Board Member
Ken Sharkey, S. Clair County Board Member
Scott Tieman, St. Clair county Board Member
Anne Markezich, Director of Zoning
James Jacquot, Director Animal Services
Cheri Weaver, Deputy Director, Animal Services
Area Rescues

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Trentman

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

The roll was called and a no quorum declared.

Robert Trentman replied we do not have enough people for a quorum tonight, but we will continue with the meeting, we don't have any resolutions were passing anyway. So we

can't approve the minutes because we don't have a quorum. We can do public comment, does anybody have anything to say?

Public Comment:

Jamie replied I just wanted to announce that we wrote a collaborative grant with the APA, Belleville Area Humane Society, Carol House Quick Fix Clinic, Bark, and the advocates helping out with the Belleville Area Humane Society and we were awarded or will be awarded five hundred spay/neuters from Pet's Mart Charities in 2019. So it is four hundred for East Side Pet District, East Saint Louis, Alorton, Centerville, Cahokia, Washington Park, and one hundred for pets of Belleville. So the advocates and the Belleville Area Humane Society are working on the logistics of where to target and how to do the transportation to Carol House Quick Fix but it was big collaborative grant it was over two hundred thousand dollars in total for the St. Louis Metro Area. That is really exciting stuff, it saves us all a lot of money.

Lonnie Mosley replied did you spear head that?

Jamie replied we worked with Carol House Quick Fix Clinic and all of the groups. They kind of pulled us in, Pet's Mart Charities basically came to us.

Lonnie replied you played an intricate part, right.

Jamie replied yes.

Shelia replied this was something that had come up at the last coalition meeting, I don't know if there are enough people here. We have a coalition meeting that was every other month I think we are going to every month now. One of the issues that had come up was about the dogs going kennel crazy. The ones that have been there for a while. Part of that is caused by those dogs sitting there and having nothing to do. We have gone around and around on this, I know you say they tear off the grate for the drain system, for cleaning the poop system for lack of a better work for it. Is there any way that that can be fixed to a point that these dogs can have something in there kennels, so they are not so boarded that they do go crazy after a period of time.

James Jacquot replied we have tried that in the past.

Shelia replied and we are going to keep trying, I mean we can work with Kong and get those donated. We could do a toy drive and get indestructible toys donated to at least give those animals something to do for nothing. When they go outside to have their pictures done they are so excited and maybe the possibility of those dogs getting walked every now and then so they can get outside get some fresh air pee on the grass like they are supposed to.

James Jacquot replied we really need to get them out of there, not having them sitting there for five or six weeks.

Shelia replied well sure.

Shoshana replied I mentioned at the last meeting about volunteers on the AC side just not on the adoption center side. So if a dog is past it's stray hold, is there any reason why volunteers couldn't walk those dogs the same way they do at the adoption center side?

James Jacquot replied that would be more of , it has always been more of an insurance situation.

Shoshana replied why would the insurance be different depending of what side it is on?

James Jacquot replied because of the types of animals they are dealing with.

Shoshana replied I know a lot of those animals are exactly the same type.

James Jacquot replied what I'm saying is by the time they reach the adoption center they have been pretty much vetted as far as behavior.

Sara replied they are not even evaluated on the adoption center side unless we evaluate them. But normally those adoption center side dogs are pulled before we do evaluations. I mean Ashley and Kaysie both do it before we do evaluations but what we have on that list.

Shoshana replied when I walk through the kennels there are some dogs that are very clearly appropriately for walking. So even if it's the staff deciding this one is appropriately this one is not there is still plenty of dogs there that are appropriately for volunteers to be able to walk without an added risk more than walking any dog.

Sara replied one of my things to having to do, when we come to do evaluations we only have one hour. I take my lunchtime out of work to come and do it, if we could have different times where we, like a weekend day, like if someone was cleaning or something. Where we could spend more time or something getting them out while they are cleaning and or whatever which would probably help them too, I would be willing to help with that, I don't know if another staff member would have to be there, because I think Ashley said she would maybe have to be there, but I basically have volunteered with AC since 2014. So I mean I am use to handling those dogs and I wouldn't mind going up there on a Saturday or whenever when they are cleaning and helping walk and do evaluations then to in order to help get them out of the kennels while they are cleaning.

Sheila replied no-kill is not just chasing a number of ninety percent but it is also, as we know it is a number of things and one of those things that we fail to address a lot of the times is the quality of life for the animals within. This is one of these things I mean a dog is going to get to the point of going crazy from just sitting twirling it's long little finger nails for lack of anything to do and by nature dogs are social beings.

Unidentified replied what makes them more adoptable.

Sara replied the more we know about them the easier it is to get them to the adoption people.

Unidentified replied the less kennel crazy they are.

Robert Trentman replied is there anybody else?

Sheila replied we started a Kuranda Bed drive for the cats. On the stray side it will give them a little more space, still waiting we had two donated so far so if that is okay with you. The square footage does not change, however adding a level for the cat go up instead of laying in its litter box. Actually those kind of increase the space.

Sara replied I just wanted to say I don't know if everybody knows but I know that Belleville is one of the big intake cities for St. Clair County. It used to be always down the hill was always like the major issue, but fifty seven percent of strays are coming from Belleville, Illinois. Maybe a breakdown of were specifically in Belleville would be very helpful for targeting for when we do spay/neuter clinics and things like that. I know Chameleon can do it, other AC's have Chameleon and do it that way. I just putting it in exactly the address from where it came from or the zip code.

Jamie replied excitedly Mayor Eckert was at the last coalition meeting, so Belleville is really putting a foot forward to help the problem too.

Janet replied can we get an update on the pet pop fund, like the approve of funding to be used for TNR and whatever else for the county. Also can someone explain I know how I interrupted the humane care for animals, animal welfare act but in terms of weather how animal control is just reviewing those cases of animals left out in the cold. I know how we respond, I just hear everybody saying there are new laws, there are new laws, I don't think there are new laws.

James Jacquot replied there are no new laws. We respond to all humane cares.

Janet replied define humane care in terms of weather.

James Jacquot replied we don't put a temperature with a number.

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Jamie replied that is a county adopted an ordinance but there is still no number on it right.

James Jacquot replied that is part of the animal control ordinance but there is no temperature.

Jamie replied it just says like extreme weather or something like that.

James Jacquot replied exactly, the animal control officers will go out there if they can correct the situation, which is generally what they try to do, they try to make the owner take the animal in. If we can't get that corrected then we take the animal, just that simple.

Shoshana replied that actually leads me to a question because I know the difference in what people are told you and what we hear they are told. So I'm not going to assume everything we are being told is true. I have been getting a lot of phone calls lately of people who say they have called animal control complaining about puppies being left out in the cold this that and the other thing and that they are being told that there is nothing that can be done about it and no one is going to check on it.

James Jacquot replied the puppies in what you are referring to wasn't us, that was the City of Belleville.

Shoshana replied at the next coalition meeting I will have to get some clarification between the city of Belleville.

James Jacquot replied they have their own animal control and animal control laws. We got a bunch of calls about those puppies.

Shoshana replied but they don't have a facility where they can put animals.

James Jacquot replied no, we are the holding facility for them.

Shoshana replied so they would go look at a situation and then you would eventually get the animals.

James Jacquot replied yes if they decided to take them.

Janet replied pet pop fund.

James Jacquot replied what exactly do you want to know?

Janet replied is there five hundred TNR's for next year.

James Jacquot replied I don't know we are going to have to look at that. We are actually we ended the year the pet population fund was eight thousand in the red. Eight thousand, I think everybody had to adjust their budgets somewhat this year.

Jamie replied from the success of the Pet's Mart grant I feel like there is definitely an opportunity if we all came as a united front together and said we need x number of dollars for TNR for St. Clair County.

Shoshana replied does AC have any foster license right now?

James Jacquot replied five.

Shoshana replied so there is five currently.

Robert Trentman recognized other people in attendance.

New Business:

James Jacquot replied we a full, everybody knows that. Adoptions were pretty good last month, that is the up side of it. The meeting with Eckert was a lot, Belleville has been complaining that they don't have any place to take their animals and they are not the only ones. We are just full, we have no place to put the animals. We need to, the rescues have actually been doing pretty good, so that that's not really helping there, we are staying about level with what you have been.

Jamie replied our holiday campaign this year is directly affecting us pulling animals from AC, so every thousand dollar campaign that gets meet then we will go to AC and pull one of the animals on our community list and then pull one from there. It should raise a bunch of money.

James Jacquot replied we kind of lost one of our big takers of animals, Partner For Pets, they are pretty much locked in with to Madison County because they are trying to do the same thing, since they are in Madison County, there about two hundred and fifty animals short of where we were last year with them.

Jamie replied do we know what we are all total though.

James Jacquot replied right now we would have to do at least four hundred animals to rescues in December to meet last year's totals.

Jamie replied but intake is down.

James Jacquot relied yes.

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Robert Trentman what is the cold weather procedure, if you get a call.

Jim Jacquot replied we go out and investigate. If the animal is in serious trouble, we just take the animal. We try to get the owners to take the animals inside. A lot of people have shelters it just not adequate.

Shoshana replied your saying you go out only if it's county verses the cities who have their own AC.

James Jacquot replied which is all of about three or four cities.

Robert Trentman replied when you get owner surrenders are you keeping track or anything when people come in.

James Jacquot replied of we don't have room we don't have room. So owner surrenders, we refer them to the humane society because they will take owner surrenders.

Shoshana replied we try to take more from you guys then, we try to do the majority from animal control verses owner surrenders anyway, just in order to help you guys. I'm wondering about strays more because we are having a ton of people coming with stray animals that we can't keep them, we don't know what to do with them and we don't know what to tell them in that situation. Beyond we will give them a crate, we will give them food but a lot of people just can't keep the animals.

Robert Trentman replied Shelia don't you have a resource paper.

Sheila replied yes and I wanted to thank you guys for printing it out and putting it in the counter.

James Jacquot replied it is also on our web site now.

Robert Trentman replied there is a lot of useful information on there. It is nice.

Sara replied are they using the owner surrender forms.

Sheila replied as a matter of fact with those owner surrender sheets I noticed and I probably should put it in there, do people give you medical history on those animals when they surrender their animals.

James Jacquot replied a lot of times they do. A lot will bring in all of the medical history.

(Note: Michael O'Donnell arrived at the meeting)

Robert Trentman replied we now have a quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Gomric to approve the minutes of October 29, 2018.
Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

Motion Carried.

Robert Trentman replied I guess adoptions are good.

James Jacquot replied they are running pretty consistent.

Robert Trentman replied how many animals from Mark's Gift of the Heart did we adopt out.

James Jacquot replied since we really don't adopt those animals per se we gave away four free adoptions.

Robert Trentman replied if you have never been there Chairman Kern has Gift of the Heart down at the Fairgrounds and he showcases our animals there, it is pretty good a lot of exposure for the pets and what we are doing as a county, that is a good thing. Does any other board member have anything. The rescues been strawing dog houses, I have been helping them getting straw to them and then they take it from there, it is working out good. Marty Crawford has donated the building where we store the straw. I have straw at my house on my trailer if anybody needs some.

Robert Trentman replied I need a motion to accept Jim's report.

Motion by Mr. Gomric to approve James Jacquot report. Second Mr. Mosley.
Yes 4 No 0

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Gomric. Second by Mr. Mosley. Motion carried.

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 11/01/18 to 11/30/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	ABANDON	0	2	0	7	9
	OWNER D	0	2	0	1	3
	TOTAL	0	4	0	8	12
EUTH REQ	FIELD OW	0	1	0	0	1
	OTC OWN	3	7	0	0	10
	TOTAL	3	8	0	0	11
OWNER SUR	FIELD	0	2	0	0	2
	NIGHT	0	0	2	0	2
	OTC	8	1	21	12	42
	TOTAL	8	3	23	12	46
RETURN	OTC	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	1	0	0	1
STRAY	FIELD	1	16	0	4	21
	OTC	19	39	18	8	84
	TOTAL	20	55	18	12	105
TOTAL		31	71	41	32	175

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 11/01/18 to 11/30/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	2	1	0	0	3
	WALKIN	3	7	2	2	14
	WEB	2	4	3	2	11
	TOTAL	7	12	5	4	28
DIED	IN KENNEL	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	1	0	0	0	1
EUTH	BEHAV OBSV	0	5	0	0	5
	MEDICAL	8	11	6	1	26
	TOTAL	8	16	6	1	31
RELOCATE		0	8	10	14	32
	TOTAL	0	8	10	14	32
RTO	MICROCHIP	1	3	0	0	4
	PHONE	1	4	0	0	5
	TAG LIC	0	1	0	0	1
	WALKIN	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	2	9	0	0	11
TRANSFER		22	27	15	13	77
	TOTAL	22	27	15	13	77
TOTAL		40	72	36	32	180

Kennel Statistics Report
Intakes from 11/01/18 to 11/30/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	1	2
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	7	8
	TOTAL	0	4	0	8	12
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	2	4	0	0	6
	CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	3	8	0	0	11
OWNER SUR	BELLEVILLE	4	0	10	0	14
	CAHOKIA	1	0	5	0	6
	COLLINSVIL	1	2	8	0	11
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	0	0	12	12
	MASCOUTA	2	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL	8	3	23	12	46
RETURN	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	1	0	0	1
STRAY	BELLEVILLE	6	21	8	2	37
	CAHOKIA	2	9	0	5	16
	CASEYVILLE	4	2	0	1	7
	COLLINSVIL	0	0	1	0	1
	DUPO	1	1	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	6	0	4	10
	FAIRMONT C	0	0	1	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	3	2	0	6

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	FREEBURG	1	1	0	0	2
	MASCOUTA	0	0	1	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	4	10	0	0	14
	SMITHTON	0	0	2	0	2
	SWANSEA	1	1	3	0	5
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	COLLINSVIL	0	0	0	1	1
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	1	2	5
	FAIRVIEW H	1	4	0	0	5
	FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
	LEBANON	1	0	0	1	2
	LENZBURG	0	0	2	0	2
	O FALLON	2	1	1	0	4
	TOTAL	7	12	5	4	28
DIED	CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	1	0	0	0	1
EUTH	BELLEVILLE	5	7	6	0	18
	CAHOKIA	2	2	0	0	4
	CASEYVILLE	0	2	0	1	3
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	0	1
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
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RELOCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	2	5	1	8
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	3	5
	COLLINSVIL	0	0	4	1	5
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	9	11
	FAIRVIEW H	0	0	1	0	1

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	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	1	1	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	2	9	0	0	11
TRANSFER	BELLEVILLE	7	9	5	0	21
	BROOKLYN	1	0	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	0	4	5	0	9
	CASEYVILLE	3	1	0	0	4
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLUMBIA	1	0	0	0	1
	DUPO	2	1	4	0	7
	EAST ST LO	0	5	0	6	11
	FAIRMONT C	0	0	1	0	1
	FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
	LENZBURG	4	0	0	0	4
	MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	7	8
	O FALLON	2	4	0	0	6
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	22	27	15	13	77
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Animals Left In Shelter on 11/30/18: 113