**BROWARD COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Animal Care Advisory Committee**  
**Work Shop**  
(no quorum)

**Meeting Date**  
March 5, 2021

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| 11:20 am              | 1:03 pm        | Animal Care and Adoption  
2400 SW 42nd Street  
Main Conference Room  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312 | Cherie Cohn  
Recording Secretary  
(954) 800-8426 |

**Members Present**

Committee Members:
Present: Grace Johns, Chair; Danny Finkelstein, Vice Chair (via phone); Cherie Cohn; and Joanne Oyen

For the County:
Emily Wood Animal Care & Adoption Director  
Bettina Kuske – Administrative Coordinator  
Carrie Gipson – Program Project Coordinator – via webcam  
De’Anne Jackson – Animal Care assigned  
Attorney – via webcam

**Members Absent**

Committee Members:

**Other Participants**

Public Input: via phone  
Sloan P. Cowart  
Caroline Gatto  
Jeanne O’Grady  
Debra Seritello

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<td>1. Call to Order / Roll Call</td>
<td>Regularly scheduled Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. Grace Johns, Chair; Danny Finkelstein, Vice Chair (via phone); Cherie Cohn; and Joanne Oyen. It was announced Sue Martino resigned for reasons unassociated with the Board. Newly assigned attorney De’Anne Jackson advised in her professional opinion, the meeting could not go forward without a quorum. At least 6 board members to have a quorum.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>2. Approval of minutes from October 16, 2020 meeting (Attachment 1)</td>
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2. Approval of minutes from January 8, 2021 meeting (Attachment 2)

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Sloan Cowart – recommended adding social media (Facebook) platforms to spread the word of animals in need.

Caroline Gatto – reviewed Volunteer/Foster training materials and found it to be loosely worded with SOPs. Gatto recommends it be more user friendly, add behavior signs and maybe a video to target High School fosters.

Jeanne O’Grady – when are they going to hire an aggressive animal Rescue Coordinator? Current practice with assigned staff is unacceptable; Rescues are not being contacted, social media is not being utilized.

Debra Seritello – Questioned if Animal Control Officers are certified? Cited an animal cruelty case and how the dog was ultimately euthanized and disposed of resulting in lost evidence. Recommended ACOs are certified and Supervisors become involved not just show up. – Phillip Goen responded and advised he is currently working with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department regarding ongoing criminal charges in an active case. Also explained current training practices for ACOs and the two Field Supervisors do become involved in cases. Goen corrected Seritello by explaining just because an owner surrenders an animal, criminal charges can still occur.

5. Review of Committee’s 2019 approved proposed changes to Chapter 4.0 – Dogs and Cats

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6. Proposed letter to County Commissioners regarding request to increase breeder and other fines referred to in Chapter 4 – Dogs and Cats – Grace presentation of draft letter.

| Unable to vote without quorum. |
| Grace Johns asked for questions/concerns. |
| Joanne Oyen inquired with Phillip Goen as to how many breeder’s licenses we currently have. Goen advised he does not have specific numbers but did comment on how numbers of citations have increased. |

Grace Johns
### 7. Future committee assignments

Cherie Cohn inquired with De’Anne Jackson regarding whether or not Board Members could solicit/recruit prospective new members.

Grace Johns recommended increasing spay/neuter funding - Emily Wood advised the license projections are looking to double this year.

Grace Johns also recommending looking into programs geared towards helping long-stay animals.

### 8. Non-agenda items

Joanne Oyen shared concerns

- lack of transparency with numbers not posted monthly (ACAD Administrative Coordinator advised IT and the verification delays the posting)
- County ACO trucks parking in front, can they park out back (ACAD Director advised because of construction, they are parked out front)
- Platform (such as Zoom) for meeting in lieu of how they are currently being held (ACAD Director advised they do not have a license for Zoom but would look into conducting the meetings via TEAMS while maintaining the phone call in option for those unable to connect via TEAMS)
- Qualifications of those responsible for ordering euthanasia (ACAD Director advised those are Veterinarians, ACOs, Court Orders, etc.) Joanne believes those decisions should be up to shelter management
- Arizona (shelter dog), why was she killed? Recommended it be looked into further. (ADAC Director advised she reviewed every animal euthanized since her employment and she feels comfortable with every one of them)

Danny Finkelstein welcomed the newly appointed Attorney (De’Anne Jackson).

### 9. Good and Welfare

Joanne Oyen advised she has been posting ACAD flyers (provided by Bettina Kuske) everywhere possible

Grace Johns questioned whether or not we could move forward with the upcoming sub-committee meeting in April. De’Anne Jackson advised yes, but at least three members must appear in person.

### 10. Adjournment

Cherie Cohn made a motion to adjourn the workshop at 1:03 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for May 14, 2021