

# CAC Meeting Minutes

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Attendees:** Christine Croskey, Jonathan Goodwin, Kara Kerpan, Katie Gerloff, Linda Caradine, Susan Getty, Marci Jo, Nancy Fedelem, Paige Espana, Wade Sadler, Jessica Roberts

**Absent:** Glenda Hughes, Megan Mautemps, Kristina Burns

**Date:** Monday April 13th, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 8:00pm

**Place:** Virtual Meeting via Google Hangouts

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## Discussion Items

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- 6:30 pm**      **Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Begins**
- Being live streamed for public access
  - Unable to accommodate public comment due to technology limitations, however, comments can be sent to: multcopets@multco.us
- 6:35 pm**      **Website Roadshow/Demo**
- Stacey Anderson presenting
  - Plan on mid to late summer roll out (delay due to covid 19)
- 7:00 pm**      **Process/Service Changes due to COVID-19**
- Overall low population, about ¼ normal population
  - Putting a lot of animals into foster care
  - Changing our foster onboarding and training to a virtual process.
  - On-site volunteering is temporarily suspended due to social distancing/stay at home guidelines
    - Staff are conducting enrichment/potty walking/etc. Not an issue due to lower population.
  - Not accepting Owner Surrenders except for emergencies, focusing on pet retention
    - Pet food distribution - about 60 bags of food and 14 bags of litter since March 25th.
  - Intaking sick/injured cats, and still intaking stray dogs.
    - Kittens - not effectively changing at this point, but are focusing more on educating the public about what to do if they find kittens.

- Recommendations from UW Shelter Medicine:  
<https://www.uwsheltermedicine.com/library/resources/animal-services-role-in-covid-19-support>
- Waiving all reclaim fees
  - Remove barriers in the face of large-scale layoffs/financial uncertainty
  - 26 animals reclaimed since implementing
    - 13 were same day or next day reclaims
- No adoptions right now due to no sx and also a desire to limit public interactions
  - Looking at how/when that will start back up again - developing protocols
- Relaxing enforcement of pet licensing temporarily
  - Will not be citing until 60 days after the state of emergency is ended.
  - Due to limited access to veterinary clinics/rabies requirements.
- Call center is still receiving moderate incoming requests for support and resources
- Field Services in line with NACA guidelines
  - Guidelines from NACA:  
<https://www.nacanet.org/naca-statements-on-covid-19/>
  - Emergency calls only, not responding to barking dog complaints, cat trespass, etc.
  - Prioritizing cruelty/neglect, loose in traffic, loose aggressive, and bite investigations.

7:25 pm

#### **Annual budget process**

- We have proposed reduction of 2 ACO1 positions and asked for them both to be restored Chairs proposed budget was originally planned to have been released by now, but has been delayed until May 7th with budget adopted June 11th
- There is a lot of uncertainty still regarding what the long-term outlook is for the County, as much of it still depends on the length and scope of the continued response to COVID-19.

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#### **CAC Recruitment**

- Responses were focused on desire to evaluate
  - Combined with social distancing guidelines and consistent access to technology both for CAC members and applicants, we will be having CAC members focus on evaluations and will have MCAS staff conduct the interviews either virtually or over the phone
  - MCAS staff will conduct initial interviews, and then afterward, MCAS Director will conduct 'appointment interviews' in

consultation with CAC members, including a virtual tour of the shelter if possible.

- Working with Office of Community Involvement and DCS HR to develop consistent evaluation criteria
- Goal is to have new members appointed by the end of May.

**8:00 pm Meeting Adjourns**

*Next Meeting July 13th*