

Animal Shelter Task Force Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2009

The meeting came to order at 7:20 p.m. In attendance were vice chairman Karen Garretson, Sandra Hamorsky, George Buss. Task Force Members Stephanie White-Jones, Dr. James Murphy and Michael Semeniuk were absent.

The meeting began with a discussion about the mobile bus option submitted by task force member George Buss. Mr. Buss noted he had provided photos and a one page summary of the project. He noted there are other options as well from other manufacturers, but that could be determined at a later date as to what the specific options were desired for such an approach. Brief discussion followed on what types of cages would be allowed by the County and how that would fit in to a vehicle. George Buss stated that this option would address what he understands to be the urgency of the matter at hand and stated a vehicle could be delivered in short order. Karen Garretson stated that half of the options on the vehicle submitted by George Buss were not necessary. Brief discussion followed.

Karen Garretson provided a map to the committee that was prepared by the City of Bowie Staff Liaison Lawrence Pierce. She reviewed properties owned by the City of Bowie, that were shown on the map as vacant, open space, park land, and storm water management facilities. Brief discussion followed on the feasibility of selecting a property from this list as a potential site for a shelter. Brief discussion followed on accessibility, security and costs associated with such a site. Sandra Hamorsky stated that decisions on space at the Old City Hall needed to be made quickly since there will be competition for use of the building.

Chairman Aubrey arrived at this point in the meeting. She was brought up to date on the discussion above. In an email received earlier this day, Dr. Murphy stated that the draft being worked on by Michael Semeniuk, Karen Garretson and Dr. James Murphy was not available for circulation and review. Dr. Murphy also noted he has a time conflict with the next regularly scheduled meeting of the animal shelter task force scheduled for December 15, 2009. His email stated that the draft would be available later this week and would be circulated via email.

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Brief discussion followed on the next meeting date. It was the consensus of the task force members present that the meeting scheduled for December 15 was not necessary since all writing assignments had been made, and therefore the meeting was being cancelled. The drafts will be reviewed on line by the membership prior to the January 5, 2010 meeting. If a final meeting is needed, the task force could meet on Thursday, January 7, 2010.

Karen Garretson asked about the attachments. Brief discussion followed. Included in the mobile option will be pictures of the van itself. Staff Liaison Pierce will provide an electronic copy of the letter to the veterinarians for Sandra Hamorsky's report as well. There was agreement that the County statistics for Bowie would be included with statistics from the City as well. The letter from Bowie CLAW detailing their commitment dated November 30, 2009 would also be included.

Although there were members of the audience, none requested to speak.

Motion to adjourn made by Sandra Hamorsky, with a second from George Buss which was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Pierce  
Staff Liaison