

**PETALUMA ANIMAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – JUNE 4, 2008**

**Committee Members:** Eileen Hallock, Jonathan Long, Jack Eliot, Tim Christensen, John Cerini, Pam Morris, Grant Garl

**Absent:** Nancy Manchester, Charlie Reinhart

**Councilmember Liaison:** Samantha Freitas

**Staff:** Nancee Tavares, Kathy Sousa

**Public:** Diane Reilly Torres, Marcelle Guy, Carole I. Huygen, Pat Boyd, Angela Zumsteg, Melva Lower-Joslin

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- I. **Call to Order** @ approximately 7:12p.m. by Jonathan Long
- II. **Draft Minutes** Eileen Hallock would like noted that her name was left out of minutes stating that she would serve as a member of the Events Subcommittee.
- III. **Public Comment** Diane Reilly Torres asked that the feral cat recommendations be moved to earlier in the evening. Added that she hopes everyone will come to consensus over feral cat issue. Pat Boyd said that there would be
- IV. **Committee Comment** Pam Morris discussed the dangerous situation along the creek at Rocky Memorial Dog Park. She said there is much broken glass in the creek and the lack of fencing provides creek access as well as access to Shollenberger Park. Parks & Recreation Department has 40 feet of fencing material that could be donated. Parks Manager Ron DeNicola estimates the cost for material to be \$3,800. Pam said Parks is willing to work with Committee on construction, but Pam did not have an estimated price. Pam suggested using part of the Greek Trip Raffle money for fence. Jack Eliot questioned the need for fence. Kathy Sousa mentioned that the Coast Guard Chief Academy might be willing to help with construction (one weekday). Samantha Freitas suggested asking Parks & Recreation to purchase materials at lower cost. Jonathan Long suggested contacting the Wetlands Alliance for help. Subcommittee formed to study issue: Pam Morris, Nancee Tavares, Samantha Freitas and Grant Garl.
- V. **Shelter Report** Nancee Tavares corrected a newspaper article that stated Animal Services budget would have a 5% increase in fiscal year 08-09. She explained there will be an actual decrease from \$34,500 in professional services to \$20,000. Anything in excess of that will have to be paid out of donations. Kathy Sousa gave the current census of 41 cats and 16 dogs, plus other assorted animals, with “kitten season” just starting. Kathy discussed the new shelter Barn Cat Program.
- VI. **Youth Camp** Nancee announced that Youth Camp, for kids ages eight through ten will be held during one week of August. Details are being worked on now.

**VII. Updates from Subcommittees** Fundraising subcommittee did not meet last month. Jon Long announced that the City Manager approved setting up a separate non profit corporation to benefit the shelter. Samantha Freitas said she knows local attorneys and that she has worked with them on establishing such organizations. A subcommittee will meet to discuss this lengthy and somewhat complicated process within next few weeks. Samantha suggested that the subcommittee work on process of establishing a draft mission statement, goals, etc. and bring them back to the entire committee.

**VIII. Feral Cat Ordinance – recommendations** Chair of the committee, Charlie Reinhart, was absent. Nancee apologized to the members of the public that attended to hear the recommendations and promised it will be on next meeting's agenda. Other members of the subcommittee said they were not aware of recommendations.

**IX. Adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m**

**NEXT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**