

SEGUIN ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 24, 2014

The Seguin Animal Services Advisory Committee met in regular session on July 24, 2014 at 12 p.m., in the Police Department training room.

1. Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. Roll call. (Bold indicates an appointed member)

Present:

Campaigne, Bill
Dodgen, Donna
Fennel, Cathy
Lewis, Leah
Pyatt, Doug
Rangel, Maria
Watson, Maureen

3. Hearing of residents.

4. Review minutes from March 20, 2014.

Motion to approve the minutes regarding the March 20, 2014 Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Fennel motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Dodgen seconded the motion.

5. Announcement on new kennel attendant.

Welcome Maria Rangel! Ms. Rangel started with the City of Seguin, Animal Services on July 8, 2014.

6. Update on new trucks.

Seguin Animal Services has added two new trucks with custom fiberglass coaches to their fleet. The new trucks allow Animal Services to better respond to calls and safely and comfortably transport animals. Both $\frac{3}{4}$ ton Ford trucks have six animal compartments, a pull-out ramp, ventilation system, slopped floor drainage, and LED compartment lighting.



7. Update on shelter needs assessment.

Initially, Quorum Architects selected seven sites that were worth pursuing for a new facility. The sites were narrowed to three final sites for further evaluation. Those locations include the intersection of King Street and Eastwood, North of Texas Lutheran (South of new Wal-Mart), and near Starcke Park Golf Course – Guadalupe/Fred Byrd Drive.

8. Discussion of fees and ordinances.

Currently, Seguin citizens are required to pay a \$15 fee to owner surrender their animal. The board discussed revising the fee structure by creating two separate owner surrender fees. One fee would cover an animal surrendered due to medical necessity. For example, a sick or injured animal in which euthanasia is required. The second fee would apply to an owner who surrenders their animal when euthanasia is not necessary. The board agreed the two fee structure was something to reevaluate and possibly implement.

The board also discussed and agreed that some of our fees (i.e., boarding, quarantine, etc.) need to be reviewed and increased. To illustrate, Guadalupe County Animal Control currently charges a flat fee of \$185 to quarantine a dog; while the City of Seguin Animal Services charge \$10 per day for quarantines with the maximum being 10 days = \$100. In addition, Guadalupe County Animal Control currently charges \$75 to send a rabies specimen for testing and Seguin Animal Services only charges \$25.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of implementing an anti-tethering ordinance. We decided an anti-tethering ordinance needs to be addressed. At the next meeting, we will review similar ordinances from other cities and explore possible options/solutions.

The board members also discussed the addition of clean-up stations at Starcke Park. Suggestions included posting signs throughout the park reminding citizens of their responsibility to pick up after their pets and properly dispose of their pet's waste.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.