Minutes of the Animal Services Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Garland, Texas January 15, 2010

The Animal Services Advisory Committee of Garland, Texas convened for a meeting at 1:03 pm on Friday, January 15, 2010 in the City Council Work Session Room at City Hall with the following members present:

Pat Fowler Dr. Bob Dunn Renee Ramey Debbie Stout

Staff Present:

Jason Chessher Diana Oats

Agenda Item 1: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pat Fowler at 1:03

pm.

Agenda Item 2: Committee Member Dr. Bob Dunn made a motion to approve the

minutes for the November 20, 2009 meeting and Committee Member Renee Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed

unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Diana Oats, Animal Services Manager, and Jason Chessher,

Deputy Director of Health, provided a statistical comparison of significant indicators to describe how the Garland Animal Shelter

compares to other local municipal shelters.

Agenda Item 4: George Kauffman, Managing Director of Financial Services,

provided an overview of the process of financing construction of a

new animal shelter facility through the sale of bonds.

Agenda Item 5: Diana Oats and Jason Chessher provided an overview of the recent

community outreach activities at the Shelter.

Agenda Item 6: Diana Oats and Jason Chessher briefed the Committee on an

enclosure (fencing) policy for pit bull dogs that will soon go into effect. Committee members expressed unanimous support for the

policy.

Agenda Item 7: Public Comments:

Verbal Comments

Michelle Ferrer provided written and verbal questions concerning euthanasia methodology and oversight at the Garland Animal Shelter. Staff subsequently responded to the questions.

Lee Lutz provided verbal comments in support of expanding the agenda & duties of the Committee, construction of a new shelter facility, and the enhancement of both animal rescue activities and animal adoptions.

John Pippin provided verbal and written comments regarding the euthanasia policy at the Garland Animal Shelter and urged the Committee to develop a policy governing the process.

Paul Breitzman provided verbal comments opposing breed specific restrictions for pit bull dogs or crossbreeds thereof and discussed difficulties of enforcing such restrictions. Mr. Breitzman also provided handouts to the Committee members on the subject.

## Positions Registered

Stephanie Boles registered her position against carbon monoxide euthanasia and in favor of expanding the Animal Services Advisory Committee.

Merna Bishop registered her position against carbon monoxide euthanasia

Marnie Holden registered her position against carbon monoxide euthanasia.

Meri-Lou Mahoney registered her position on pit bull identification.

Dian Wright registered her position against carbon monoxide euthanasia.

Agenda Item 8:

Future Agenda Items & Meeting Schedule: Chairperson Pat Fowler directed staff to add grant opportunities for shelter construction, the election of a vice chairperson, and a discussion of euthanasia statistics and animal bites to a future agenda.

Chairperson Pat Fowler directed staff to coordinate the scheduling of the next regular meeting at 12:30 on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Agenda Item 9: Committee Member Renee Ramey moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Debbie Stout. Chairperson Pat Fowler adjourned the meeting at 2:21 pm.