



ACC Board Meeting
January 24, 2020
125 Worth Street, NY, NY
3rd Floor Boardroom

Board Members present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Denise Incandela, Co-chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
David Glicksman, Treasurer
Neil Abramson
Yonaton Aronoff
Sarah Aucoin
Jessica Corey
Caren Fleit
Dr. Dennis Gross
Elaine Keane
Corinne Schiff

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Chair Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

Appoint/Approve Officers

A motion was made and seconded to re-elect the following officers to serve in their current positions:

- Chair – Patrick Nolan
- Vice Chair – Denise Incandela
- Secretary – Dr. Jay Kuhlman
- Treasurer – David Glicksman

Board Committees

The Board committees and members elected to serve are as follows:

- Executive
Patrick Nolan – Chair; Denise Incandela; Yonaton Aronoff; Caren Fleit; Elaine Keane;
Corinne Schiff

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- Nominating
Denise Incandela – Chair; Dr. Jay Kuhlman; Corrine Schiff; Neil Abramson; Sarah Aucoin

- Audit
David Glicksman – Chair; Yonaton Aronoff; Elaine Keane

- Development
Linda Chinn – Chair; Dennis Gross – Co Chair; Patrick Nolan; Caren Fleit;

- Marketing
Denise Incandela – Chair; Sarah Aucoin; Caren Fleit; Corinne Schiff; Dr. Jay Kuhlman; Elaine Keane

- Contract Negotiation
Yonaton Aronoff – Chair; Patrick Nolan; Corinne Schiff; Neil Abramson

- Queens Capital
Yonaton Aronoff – Chair; Patrick Nolan; David Glicksman,

Preliminary Financial Report FY 20 (July – November, 2019)

Joe Belan of BTQ Financial presented the draft preliminary report for the first five months of FY20. Total revenue was \$8.3 million, \$.8 million lower than budget due to the timing of recognizing the one-time enhancement of \$3.0 million from DOHMH and the delay in submitting vouchers for expense reimbursement since funds were not approved until November. Joe noted that in order to close this gap, ACC is catching up on the submission of vouchers.

The FY19 audit is being finalized and is anticipated to be available for review by the audit committee at the end of March.

ACC Report

Risa Weinstock, President and CEO welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She mentioned the upcoming Pit Bowl fundraiser, on February 18th and encouraged everyone to attend. Risa began her presentation by discussing the City Contract and the FY20 budget. She also referred to a recent incident involving livestock in which ACC staff provided medical care. This was an example of the ‘other’ types of services and animals ACC cares for as noted in the monthly statistics.

Live Intake

There was no significant change in comparison to 2018. The admissions and surrender prevention programs continue to impact intake and also helps with placement because of the valuable information gained after interacting with owners. As part of ACC’s pursuit to be a resource to the community, it has been collaborating with NYPD Neighborhood Coordination Units. ACC will provide information to NYPD officers so that they can help raise awareness and provide resources to residents within the five boroughs concerning lost pets and resources to help them keep their pets healthy and communities safe.

Placement

Jessica Vaccaro, newly appointed Director of Placement, provided a summary of the programs that helped to increase overall adoptions. In 2019, a third mobile adoption vehicle was added which allows ACC to be more visible and to expand its services in the community.

The “Borough Break” foster program is ongoing continues to be a success as more information is presented upon the dog’s return which helps with placement. Jessica also mentioned a pilot program, Tiny Tigers for fostering kittens as a supplemental fostering program for kittens.

29 New Hope partners were added in 2019 and the current number is 320. The application process is now online which increases the applicant’s review period.

Community Report

ACC is focused on working with the community to raise awareness through its many programs, social media outreach and table events. She introduced Sebastian Bolanos, Director of Animal Health and Jennifer Abrams, Director of Animal Welfare, both recently promoted, to discuss the “Fear Free” certification and training ACC has introduced into its care centers.

The goal of this program is to reduce anxiety and stress in animals while in the Care Centers. 100% of ACC shelter staff were trained and 100% of the veterinary staff are Fear Free Certified Professionals.

Community Kids

Katherine Reeves, Community Kids Coordinator presented an overview of the Community Kids Program.

Since its formalization in 2018, this program has expanded and continues to be of great benefit to the animals and the kids involved. Several tours are organized for students who also have an opportunity to join the Junior volunteer team. Students enjoy reading to the animals at the care centers and it is noticeable how calm the pets become while the kids are reading to them. The goal is to make animal welfare accessible to all audiences and meeting the needs and abilities of every student.

Queens Center

Jennifer Piibe, Senior Counsel presented an overview of the Queens ACC project. The site demolition was completed in early January and construction is scheduled to begin in February in keeping with the construction schedule. This facility is projected to be opened in summer of 2022.

Capital Improvement Projects

Christine Kim, Animal Welfare Liaison with the Mayor’s Office presented an update on the other four shelter development and renovations. She noted the projected timelines for the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan facilities. The first phase of the Staten Island Care Center was completed in December and the main adoption entrance and parking lot is projected to be completed by fall 2020.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from 11:05 am until 11:20am

A motion was made to adjourn to executive session.

The motion was approved and the meeting went into executive session at 11:22am.