

ACC Board Meeting
June 19, 2019
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
Yonaton Aronoff
Sarah Aucoin
Linda Chinn
Jessica Corey
Dr. Dennis Gross
Elaine Keane
Corinne Schiff

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. Chair Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He highlighted the agenda items and pointed out the greater community engagement which he noted created a positive impact on the lives of pets and people.

Approval of Minutes

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

FY 19 Forecast and FY 20 Budget Presentation

Joe Belan of BTQ Financials presented the financial report. Fiscal 2019 is projected to end with a small surplus due to timing of additional funding from City Council. A change in the reimbursement process from DOHMH caused ACC to draw down on its line of credit. The proposed budget for 2020 was presented as a qualified budget in anticipation of an additional \$3 million from the city. Risa introduced ACC's newly hired Director of Finance and the Director of Development and noted that their commitment will help guide ACC in fiscal 2020.

A motion was made to approve fiscal year 2020 budget and it was approved.

ACC Report

Risa Weinstock, President and CEO welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Risa began her presentation by referring to the City Contract. ACC is growing its programs and focusing on community outreach with part of the additional \$3million funding received in FY19 and anticipated in FY20 added.

Live Intake

Intake data shows a slight increase in owner surrender over stray intakes. ACC is able to collect more information on animals from owners which leads to better placement of animals. The surrender prevention program is very essential and has stopped over 1,000 animals from entering the care centers

over the past five months. The Board requested for future presentation, data on the live release rate of owner surrenders and strays.

Placement

There is an increase in direct adoption and the placement rate is at 94%. Risa noted that there are other measures of success that should be taken into consideration including surrender programs, outreach programs, clinics, and decision making with regards to euthanasia.

New Hope

Ellen Curtis, Senior Director, Strategic Operations provided an update to the Board on new guidelines for all New Hope Partners, including additional audits when necessary to determine the placement and future welfare of an animal pulled by a NH partner. A meeting is planned with volunteers to create a program to help with follow up on placement with New Hope Partners.

Community Pets Program

Funding from City Council has allowed ACC to add more staff, services and resources to this program allowing us to offer more clinics in Queens and the Bronx.

Neighborhood Resource Program

Staff are visiting the zip code areas with the highest intake numbers, to meet residents and to obtain information about any challenges that individuals may be experiencing with their pets, in order to provide the necessary resources.

Community Kids

This program is continuing to grow and is of great benefit to students and to the animals at the Care Centers. Between January and May, there have been 18 shelter tours and 33 visits to schools. All activities in this program have surpassed the previous year's activities.

Volunteer Spotlight

Ellen commended volunteer Mark Imhof, who created a grooming program. Mark spoke to the board and public about the dogs and cats his volunteer team has groomed and the impact it has had on their placement.

BoroughBreak Program

ACC's Foster Manager described the BoroughBreak Program which was launched on May 25th with 61 dogs taken on field trips. Due to its success, this program is available daily at the Manhattan Care Center and will be introduced in Brooklyn and Staten Island very soon. In addition to reducing the stress levels and providing enrichment for the dogs, this program helps to provide information which can be beneficial at adoption for suitable placement.

Risa announced that there will be a re-launch of the Boroughbreds campaign in all 5 boroughs. Risa concluded her report with a video of an ACC public service announcement featuring the Boroughbreds of ACC and award winning actor Ray Liotta.

Capital Improvement Projects

Risa reported that ACC expects to close on the purchase of the Queens facility very soon and there will be a presentation on time lines in January 2020.

Christine Kim, Animal Welfare Liaison with the Mayor's Office presented an update on the renovation and development of the full service shelters in SI, Brooklyn, the Bronx and the adoption center in Manhattan.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from 11:15am until 11:30am

A motion was made to adjourn to executive session.

The motion was approved and the meeting went into executive session at 11:30am.