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ACC Board Meeting
June 9, 2016
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board Members and Officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. J. Khulman, Secretary
Dan Kass
Mike Dockett
Dr. Howard Hollander
Caren Fleit
Louise Cohen
Detective Andrew Hernandez
Risa Weinstock, Executive director

The meeting commenced at 10:40 am. Chairperson Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Detective Hernandez, NYPD Representative from the Animal Cruelty Investigation Squad. Patrick stated that the Board initiated a dialogue with the Mayor's Office to increase the members of the ACC Board. City Hall has offered full support.

The Board additionally requested an increase in ACC's FY 2017 budget to continue the progress made in FY 2016. The Board also intends to pursue City Council for more funding for ACC.

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of FY 2017 Budget

There was a motion to approve the budget. The budget was approved.

Executive Director's Report

Risa Weinstock, Executive Director, thanked everyone for attending and for their support of ACC. The report reflected data for the past five months of 2016. ACC's contract was amended to provide services for the next 3 fiscal years. In FY 2016 NYC DOHMH provided additional funding for specific operating costs, and programs which resulted in a difference in the amount of the baseline figure for FY 2016.

ACC's fundraising program from January through May 2016 included several events: PitBowl, ART to the Rescue II, Spring Fling; complemented with Corporation and Matching Gifts; Foundation Grants and Direct Mail Campaigns. The development goal for FY 2017 is \$2.5M. Risa thanked the Petco Foundation for their grant of \$500,000 in two annual increments of \$250,000.

Animal intakes for the last five months were less than the previous year. ACC is strongly committed to increasing the number of outcomes and an appeal to the public was made to help with placement especially during the busy summer season by either adopting or fostering.

ACC continues to focus on improvements within the medical department and shelter operations to address illness. Understanding that stress is a significant cause of illness, ACC has: made reducing length of stay a priority; installed new houses for cats and dogs; continued to vaccinate at intakes and emphasized early diagnosis to control disease.

To promote more adoptions, ACC has added a video feature online so prospective adopters can now view a variety of cats and dogs in action on PetHarbor.

The Community Dog Program in the Bronx continues to focus on surrender prevention through free vaccination clinics, food pantry and dog obedience trainings.

ACC was showcased in the media as part of a national televised series that seeks to raise awareness about animal shelters. Patrick McDonnell, creator of the syndicated MUTTS Comics spent several days at ACC interacting with the animals, staff, volunteers, New Hope Partners, fosters and the public. ACC will be featured in the national PBS series, on "Shelter Me" which will be aired on local PBS stations in July.

Next, Board member Caren Fleit introduced the concept of the New Hope Task Force which was initiated by the Executive Committee of the Board. The New Hope Task Force is made up of several New Hope Partners including the ASPCA, Board members and ACC staff and is designed to address placement challenges in an effort to achieve the best outcome for the most animals.

Jody Harrison-Stern, co-founder of Looking Glass Rescue and member of the New Hope Task Force, presented the objectives of the Task Force to the general public.

Public Comments

Public comment was heard from 11:35am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm