



MINUTES
ACC Board Meeting
Friday, June 21, 2024
28-04 28th Street, LIC, New York

Attendees: Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Neil Abramson
Yonaton Aronoff
Christine Kim
Jason Power, Treasurer
Corinne Schiff
Sarah Aucoin
Aleah Simpson
Surey Miranda-Alarcón

The meeting commenced at 9:35am. Chair, Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the new board members, Mayoral appointee and former ACC employee Aleah Simpson and Board appointee Surey Miranda-Alarcón. Both directors spoke briefly about their background and interest in animal welfare and their commitment to ACC.

Minutes 1/23/24 and 4/2/24

Motions moved to approve the minutes were seconded and the minutes of January 23rd and April 2nd were approved.

Financials

Jeff Hauser of Kiwi Partners presented the year to date preliminary financial report covering 11 months ending May 2024. Total revenues were 4.8% less than budget and total expenses 10.7% less than budget. Total net assets increased by \$2.1m year-to-date of which \$1.5m was unrestricted and relating to shelter operations. DOH reimbursements, which is the largest source of revenue, generally follows directionally with expenses, but subject to budget submission and modifications.

The total assets of the organization, which includes 1906 Flushing, was \$97.8m as of May 2024. Net assets were \$15.4m of which \$7.7m relate to shelter operations with \$2.2m temporarily restricted for use after May 2024.

The organization generated \$2.85m from operating activities for the 11 months ended May 2024. While the organization has a line of credit available, no draws against the line of credit were needed during the fiscal year.

Development Update

Risa Weinstock, President and CEO presented the report. There was an increase of 5.1% over budget in individual giving and more emphasis will be placed in this area. Risa advised that there was no fund-raising event this spring. The total revenue which includes shelter donations and DOH dog licensing as of June 10, 2024 was \$3,073,653.

FY'25 Operational Budget

Sandra Reina, Director of Finance presented the FY'25 operational budget. There was a motion to approve and seconded. The operational FY'25 budget was approved.

City- Managed Capital Projects Update

Alexandra Silver, Director of the Mayor's Office of Animal Welfare presented the update.

- Construction of the Manhattan Pet Adoption Center is fully completed. The next step is the final inspection and the opening is expected to be this summer.
- Construction of the Bronx is expected to be completed by Summer of 2025 and opening to the public by Fall 2025.
- Brooklyn construction is anticipated to be complete by Summer of 2026 and move in by Fall 2026.

Risa presented an update on the Queens Center. She noted that there is still some ongoing work which is expected to be finished this Summer.

Queens Community Outreach

Christine Kim presented an update on the outreach program. She advised of the many events, past and upcoming involving Community Board 8 and the 104th Precinct. Christine noted the need for more participants in these events.

ACC Report

Risa noted that the data presented is in keeping with the current trends in animal welfare.

There was an increase in the daily population of both cats and dogs. Owner surrender showed a slight decrease while stray has increased.

The placement rate for dogs from January through May is 89.8% compared to 91.3% for 2023. New Hope continues to be the biggest placement group with 44.3%.

The placement rate for cats is 92.6% compared to 91% in 2023 with adoption at 45.2%. The total number of dogs with outcomes is 2,177 and cats 3,298.

The Foster Program is ongoing and continues to be a success. There are upcoming virtual cat and kitten orientations for anyone who would like to foster a pet.

Volunteers donated over 14,814 hours between January and May of this year and presidential service awards were presented to volunteers at an event earlier this year. There was also a volunteer orientation in April for the Queens Care Center.

Patrick thanked ACC leadership, staff and volunteers for their dedication

Public comments were heard from 11:15 am.

There was a motion to adjourn to executive session.

The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.