

Animal Control Advisory Board
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Members' Present

Steve Tuttle, Chair of the Animal Control Advisory Board
Cesar Afanador, Vice-Chair of the Animal Control Advisory Board & Citizen member (via Zoom)
Rebecca Ironmonger, Veterinarian and Secretary of the Animal Control Advisory Board
Diane Harris, Animal Welfare Representative
Susan Morris, Environmental Health Division
Molly Schmeiser, Citizen Member
Mackenzie Jones, Citizen Member
Hollis Lampe, St. Mary's County Animal Shelter Division Manager

Members Not Present

None

A. Review & Approve Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting as presented.

Motion by Rebecca Ironmonger, second by Molly Schmeiser.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser, Rebecca Ironmonger, Mackenzie Jones

3. PRESENTATION(S)

None

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Shelter Update

Hollis Lampe gave an update on the Shelters adoptions statistics along with the call volume for Animal Control and open employment positions.

B. Veterinarian Salary

Jen Utz updated the board on the status and advertisement of the veterinarian position.

C. Goals for the Board

I make a motion to focus on the 2025 goals as listed:

1. Obtaining a Vet
2. Outfitting a surgical suite to make it functional for spay and neuter
3. Feral cat rehoming, social media and presence and awareness
4. Community outreach, education and volunteerism
5. Send a letter to CSMC requesting items to include Pet tag ID
6. Chairperson to research the refrigerated Conex box

Motion by Diane Harris, second by Molly Schmeiser.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser, Rebecca Ironmonger, Mackenzie Jones

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing / Ordinance

Jen Utz updated the board on the outcome of the public hearing that was held on April 29, 2025, and the status of the proposed change.

7. BOARD MEMBER TIME

- Cesar Afanador noted that the conversation in the meeting was productive so that action can happen.
- Hollis Lamp talked about her passion for the community and appreciation for the staff and volunteers at the shelter
- Molly Schmeiser praised the dedication and professionalism of the volunteers and staff at the shelter.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Egan – Ambrosia Lane, California MD 20619

Gunjan Sali – Matthews Drive Lexington Park 20653

9. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting 8:00 PM.

Motion by Diane Harris, second by Rebecca Ironmonger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Susan Morris, Molly Schmeiser, Rebecca Ironmonger, Mackenzie Jones

Darlene Mund Recorder

Minutes approved by Animal Control Advisory Board on July 2, 2025.