

**CITY OF LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MEETING WRITTEN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF THE
CITY OF LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024 AT 12:30 PM
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 5512 THOMAS AVE., LAREDO, TEXAS
PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM**

FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the Chairperson no later than **12:15 PM on Wednesday, May 22, 2024** and identify themselves at the meeting before speaking to the Advisory Committee. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to Advisory Committee business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

- A. APRIL 30, 2024

V. NEW BUSINESS:


- A. OUTCOMES ON CRUELTY CASES AND STATISTICS.
- B. ANGIE ANCIRA'S ITEMS FOR AGENDA (SEE ATTACHMENT)
- C. CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION NOT TO PLACE UNSTERILIZED ANIMALS FOR ADOPTION, ESPECIALLY CATS, WHO CAN GO INTO HEAT AS EARLY AS THREE MONTHS OF AGE. RELYING ON THE ADOPTER TO BRING BACK THE ANIMAL IS UNRELIABLE AND RISKY. WE LIVE IN A COMMUNITY WHERE STERILIZATION IS NOT A PRIORITY. DOGS ARE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO CONSTRAIN, BUT NOT CATS.
- D. RECOMMEND THAT LACS ASSIGN PERSONNEL TO FOLLOW UP ON ADOPTED ANIMALS AND ANIMALS THAT RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS CAN TAG. HAVING ASSIGNED INDIVIDUALS FOR THESE DUTIES CAN HELP THE EMPLOYEES CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON ACCOMPLISHING THESE TASKS AND FACILITATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS AND LACS.
- E. RECOMMEND THAT THE DIRECTOR MEET WITH THE LPD TO DISCUSS HOW THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ENFORCE THE ANIMAL CODE ORDINANCES. (HAVE PRESENT AT THE MEETING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE POLICIES AND WHO WORKS DIRECTLY WITH LACS)

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GRANT LIST FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT WRITERS FOR ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PETS SPAY AND NEUTER FUNDS.
- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARDING SHELTER OPERATION HOURS FOR MORE ACCESSIBLE HOURS FOR POTENTIAL ADOPTERS.
- C. DISCUSSION TO GRANT VOLUNTEER PERMISSION FOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1110 HOUSTON STREET, LAREDO, TEXAS, AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. SAID NOTICE WAS POSTED ON, MAY 23, AT 12:30 P.M.

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Mario Maldonado, Jr.
City Secretary

Angie Ancira Agenda Items

Things I would like to be discussed in the meeting.

- A) paperwork of animals leaving shelter needs to be checked for updated vetting (past due tick/ flea, no rabies, missing microchips, etc)
- B) All employees (especially the ones at the window) need to provide friendly guest service, greet visitors, and acknowledge their presence
- C) proper friendly greetings need to be used when answering phones
- D) Rescuers picking up animals to leave shelter need to be advised if animals are not ready. It's a waste of rescuer's valuable time to get there and be told animals are not ready. COMMUNICATION!
- E) Emails need to be read DAILY and answered promptly to rescues wanting to tag. Rescues are getting discouraged to tag for rescue because their emails are being ignored.
- F) Employees at shelter need to be properly trained in regards to what is the process to release animals. They want respect, but Rescuers deserve the same respect. Rescuers SHOULD NOT have to be telling employees what and how paperwork needs to be done for release. Rescuers are there to help. Not to make their task harder.
- G) How come animals that are sick (not available for rescue and possible euthanasia) are showing up available for rescue?
- H) How come employees to release and provide info go to lunch at the same time? An informed and capable employee should be available at all times to handle shelter issues. No visitor can be helped when they are gone.