



ACC Board Meeting
January 23, 2019
160 W.100th Street, NY, NY

Board Members present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Denise Incandela, Co-chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
David Glicksman, Treasurer
Neil Abramson
Yonaton Aronoff
Sarah Aucoin
Linda Chinn
Jessica Corey
Caren Fleit
Elaine Keane
Corinne Schiff

The meeting was called to order at 11:09am.

Approval of Minutes

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

Appointment of Officers/Committee Members

A motion was made to appoint officers for 2019 as follows: Patrick Nolan as Chair, Dr. Kuhlman as Secretary, Denise Incandela as Vice-Chair and David Glicksman as Treasurer. The motion was approved.

Members elected to serve on other committees are as follows:

Governance/Nominating Committee: Denise Incandela - Chair, Patrick Nolan, Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Linda Chinn, Neil Abramson and Corinne Schiff.

Audit Committee: David Glicksman - Chair, Elaine Keane and Yonaton Aronoff.

Development Committee: Linda Chinn and Dennis Gross - designated Co Chairs, Patrick Nolan, Caren Fleit and David Glicksman.

Executive Committee: Patrick Nolan - Chair, Corinne Schiff, Caren Fleit, Denise Incandela, Elaine Keane and Yonaton Aronoff.

Strategy Committee: Denise Incandela - Chair, Patrick Nolan, Corinne Schiff, Elaine Keane, Caren Fleit and Neil Abramson.

Marketing Committee: Denise Incandela - Chair, Sarah Aucoin, Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Corinne Schiff and Caren Fleit.

Queens Project: Yonaton Aronoff and David Glicksman - Co Chairs, Patrick Nolan and Jessica Corey.

Audit Report

Gina Manente of the audit firm Manente and Manente presented the financial audit report. There were no significant deficiencies to report. Upon a motion to approve, the board approved the audit report.

ACC Report

Risa Weinstock, President and CEO welcomed everyone and thanked the public for attending the meeting. Risa began her presentation with a summary of the 34-year contract for services that the City awarded ACC. This will allow ACC to enhance its overall services and includes funding for the purchase of property and construction of a full service state-of-the-art animal care center in the borough of Queens. Risa explained that for each year of the contract, there is a specific budget amount that gradually increases to allow for growth of services and the addition of two new care centers in Queens and the Bronx. Supplemental funding is very vital to the operations of ACC and Risa noted the ongoing emphasis on fundraising through direct mail, sponsorships, corporation and City Council grants. ACC raised over \$400,000 at the Annual Winter Gala and is just under the halfway point of the fundraising goal of \$4M for FY '19.

Live Intake

Data reflects a significant decline in intake between 2016 and 2017 which is due to the feline influenza outbreak in early 2017, resulting in cats being placed directly to quarantine and not entering the Care Centers. Admissions and surrender prevention programs which were introduced in 2017 also helped to reduce the number of intakes. Risa noted that there is a national decline in intake in the animal welfare industry. ACC will continue to analyze its programs and strategies to further reduce intake of strays and surrenders.

Placement

The adoption rate has continued to increase over the last three years and is anticipated to increase further with full service shelters in the Bronx and Queens, and the new adoption center in Manhattan. In 2018 New Hope Partners adopted over 55% of dogs and cats from ACC, a slight decrease from 2017.

Role in the Community

ACC recently hosted a presentation to the public on the future of animal welfare by Dr. Roger Haston, Chief Analytics Officer at PetSmart Charities. Animal welfare is moving beyond animal sheltering with a focus on helping people and their pets in the community, which in turn will impact the work and strategy of the shelters.

ACC is actively engaged in the community as part of its strategic plan to achieve its mission to end animal homelessness in NYC. These community initiatives include community pets programs, volunteer and foster programs, adoption events, off site partnering with local officials and other city agencies to serve their community.

ACC's surrender prevention program focuses on people in the community who need help in keeping their animals out of the shelter.

As a result of this program, over 2,500 animals did not enter the shelter in 2018. Risa also recognized the ACC team involved in the outreach events as part of the overall strategic plan.

Ellen Curtis, Senior Director, Strategic Operations discussed the new initiatives that ACC will focus on to further develop and strengthen community relationship. These initiatives include canine behavior assessments, the launch of a transport program in New York and major changes to ACC's "At Risk List" process.

Risa concluded her report with a call to action to foster a pet.

Capital Improvement Project

Patrick Nolan introduced Christine Kim, Senior Community Liaison for Animal Welfare with the Mayor's Office. Christine presented an update on City funded and managed capital improvement projects for ACC. The uniform land use review procedure ("ULURP") for the Bronx location was completed in November 2018 and the selection of a design firm is projected to be fall of 2019. Groundbreaking is projected for summer of 2020 and move-in fall of 2024.

Complete design for the Brooklyn Care Center renovation is projected winter 2020, construction winter 2021 and move-in fall 2023.

Construction is ongoing at the Staten Island Care Center and move in is expected spring 2019.

Construction on the garage at the Manhattan Care Center is expected to be completed by spring 2022. ACC's Manhattan Care Center will then have a standalone adoption center. The 34-year contract includes funds for purchasing property and construction of a state-of-the-art shelter in Queens.

Public comments were heard from 12:50pm until 1:09pm.

The meeting concluded at 1:09pm.