

# McKamey Animal Center/ Animal Care Trust

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020 4:30 PM  
at The Walden Club, Chattanooga, TN  
and Via Teleconference**

**BOARD ATTENDANCE (in person):** Doug Swafford (treasurer), Lee Towery (board chair), Robert Jackson (board secretary), Karla McKamey (board vice-chair), Bruce Baird, Jay Floyd, Eleanor LaPorte

**BOARD ATTENDANCE (via Zoom):** Cynthia Dale

**ABSENT:** Sonia Young, Chip Chapman, Charles Sanford

**STAFF (in person):** Paula Hurn, Jeff Wilhite, Mindy Kolin

**GUEST:** Tripp Sawyer

**CITY REPRESENTATIVE:** Maggie Marsh (via Teleconference)

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 4:35 PM by Chair Lee Towery

### **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

(SEPTEMBER MINUTES/OCTOBER AGENDA/AUGUST FINANCIALS): A motion to approve Consent Agenda Items was made by Doug Swafford, seconded by Jay Floyd. Approved/Passed Unanimously

**CHAIR/VICE CHAIR REPORT:** The offer made to Executive Director candidate was accepted. Ms. Fricke's start date was announced to be October 19, 2020. Discussed was planning a welcome reception for Ms. Fricke with Stakeholders and Board members sometime in the future, COVID guidelines permitting. The Board acknowledged Adissa's/Laura Maloney's exceptional work in the search process.

It was discussed that the search for new Director of Animal Services would continue and turned over to Ms. Fricke for completion.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Doug reported there has been no word regarding the Kordsa easement request.

Doug also reported, the movement of funds for FDIC is complete.

Paula outlined specific areas for capital improvements at the Center and a schedule, subject to funds becoming available through refinancing of the center's mortgage. Also discussed was that Buck Gentry would continue his work to secure a refinance agreement with several options.

The approval of purchase of a new Animal Services truck was requested and a motion was made by Lee, Robert seconded and after discussion, was passed unanimously.

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**Executive Committee:** It was discussed that when she takes office, Inga Fricke will likely coordinate with Laura Maloney to possibly facilitate the next McKamey Strategic Plan in 2021. Capital Campaign details will be discussed by the Board and delayed until the new Executive Director is on board, as part of the next strategic plan.

**Governance Committee:** In light of the transition with a new ED, Instead of presenting a slate of officers for 2021, Bruce motioned to leave officers in place for an additional six-month period until June 2021. Eleanor, seconded, and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Discussed were goals: finishing orientation materials for new Board Members, and ongoing recruitment of new board members in areas of expertise as outlined, with diversity in mind, as well as recruitment of members able to step into leadership positions as suggested by Mayor Berke. The committee noted it is awaiting input from the Mayor's office for suggestions of potential members.

**Development Committee:** Robert raised the issue of the new logo changes/rebranding efforts - the subject will be discussed by Board and delayed decision until the new Executive Director is in place.

Plans for upcoming special events were discussed, golf tournament on track for November 3rd.

Pending grants were discussed and Mindy agreed to report on the status at the next meeting.

**Old Business:** The John Williams Signal Mountain Mirror article has been framed.

Lee inquired whether progress has been made on the John Williams Memorial Agility Yard. Tripp reported no update at this time.

The upcoming adoption event was discussed. Paula shared the layout and design of the event.

**Lee adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM**

*Minutes submitted by Crystal Evans, November 4, 2020.*