The following agenda will be considered at a regular Meeting of the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley Board of Directors to be Held on **Thursday, October 11th, 2018 at 9am** at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

I. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

II. **Roll Call of ASCMV Board Members and Determination of Quorum**

III. **Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

IV. **Minutes**
   a. Approval of the Minutes from the regular ASCMV Board Meeting held September 6th, 2018.
   b. Approval of the Minutes from the Special ASCMV Board Meeting held October 5th, 2018.

V. **Reports/Presentations**
   a. City and County ACO Reports – City Animal Control and County Animal Control
   b. Shelter Statistics/Shelter Activities/Educational and Spay/Neuter Initiatives – Bernice Navarro
   c. Committee Reports
      1. Finance – David Dollahon, Committee Chair
      2. Executive – Kasandra Gandara, Committee Chair
      3. Facilities – Greg Smith, Committee Chair
   d. Zero In 7 Update

VI. **Public Input**

VII. **Chair and Board Comments**

VIII. **Adjournment**

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ANIMAL SERVICE CENTER OF MESILLA VALLEY

September 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kasandra Gandara - Chair
Jess C. Williams - Vice-Chair
Jack Eakman - Board Member
Billy Garrett - Board Member
Gregory Z. Smith - Board Member (arrived 9:04)
David Dollahon - Ex-Officio Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance (9:00 AM)
Gandara: Good morning everybody. Welcome to our Animal Services Center of
Mesilla Valley Board Meeting. It is 9:00 a.m. September 6th. Welcome
can everybody please stand as we say the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALL STAND FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

II. Roll Call of ASCMV Board Members and Determination of Quorum
Gandara: Will you please poll the board please?
Baum: Certainly. Board member Dollahon is absent. Board Member Gonzales is
absent. Board Member Eakman.
Eakman: Present.
Baum: Board Member Garrett is absent. Board Member Smith.
Smith: Here.
Baum: Board Member Williams.
Williams: I'm here.
Baum: Chairperson Gandara.
Gandara: Here. I think we have a quorum. Correct Ms. Baum. Okay. Yes.

III. Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda
Gandara: Okay is there any changes to the agenda at this point? Can I get a motion to approve the agenda?

Williams: Move to approve.

Eakman: I would second.

Gandara: Okay, Co-Chair Jess Williams moved to approve and second is Board Member Eakman. Will you please poll the Board?

Baum: Board Member Eakman.

Eakman: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Smith.

Smith: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Williams.

Williams: Yes.

Baum: Chairperson Gandara.

Gandara: Yes

IV. Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes from the regular ASCMV Board Meeting held August 9, 2018

Gandara: Okay, minutes. Can I get a motion to approve the Minutes?

Smith: So moved.

Williams: Second.

Gandara: Okay, motion made by Board Member Smith second by Board Member Williams. Please poll the Board.

Baum: Board Member Eakman.

Eakman: Yes.

Bam Board Member Smith.
Smith: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Williams.

Williams: Yes.

Baum: Chairperson Gandara.

Gandara: Yes.

V. Reports/Presentations

A. City and County ACO Reports - City and County Animal Control

Gandara: Okay on to reports and presentations. City and County ACO reports I see both of you here. Who is going to go first? Ladies first. Good Morning.

Ward: Good Morning Chair. Board Members. Mary Lou Ward Animal Control and Codes Doña Ana County Supervisor. Okay we'll go ahead and start with our report for the month of August. In reporting for the month of August we report the total number of Animal Control Calls for the department was 964 calls and the Codes Enforcement Calls and I like to mix those up because the officers do both, was 300 so that would have gave us a total of 1,264 calls for service for the department for the month of August. Our return to owner, officers returning animals to the owners in the field was 161 dogs that were returned to the owners in the field. Animals that were scanned were 300. Microchips that were found out of that were 60. Animals picked up were 276 and unrestrained animals that were called for were 350. Now if you looked at the numbers you can see that the scanned numbers and the animals picked up are kind of different. That's because sometimes people don't have us pick up those animals. They might call us to come and just scan an animal. So we include those numbers as well.

Looking at the second one I also wanted to include animals in custody, so when somebody calls for an animal that's in custody looking at it on this chart that had a 131 animals and then people that were owner releasing their animals. I didn't have anybody owner releasing cats in August, so I didn't include that in this chart. But we did have people owner releasing their dogs so I did want to include that. So that is included in animals that were picked up and taken to the shelter out of those 276 so there was 14 dogs that were owner released out of those numbers.

Gandara: Excuse me. Let the record reflect that Board Member Garrett is here and present.
Ward: Welcome Commissioner Garrett.

Garrett: Sorry I was late.

Ward: I'll go forth with the with the rest of this chart. And this one just kind of breaks down everything we just talked about. The calls for service for Animal Control was 964. Animals picked up were 276. Animals returned to their owner was 161. Scanned animals were 300. Microchips found were 60. Identifications were 15 and identifications traced were 43. Animals that were picked up are various; anything from vicious and/or dangerous, sick or injured, cruelty, care and maintenance, strays, rabies suspects or owner releases. So in August we picked up 14 dogs that were owner released. We responded to 57 vicious dog calls, 48 bite calls, 45 injured animal calls, eight snake calls, and the officers prepared 12 specimens for rabies submissions and picked up 13 dead animal calls. I do have Brian Holsey. Officer Holsey because he picked up or returned the most animals to their owners in the field. So of course I wanted to brag about him this month because he returned the most animals of 34 all by himself in the field to the owners. So he'll get a reward from us this month. So I want to thank him. So with that, I will stand for questions:

Gandara: Yes Board Member Williams.

Williams: Mary Lou. Thank you for the presentation it was very informative. Of the animals that were sent for rabies submissions, do we have any that tested positive?

Ward: Yes we did have one. We had a bat that was tested positive.

Williams: Okay. Thank You.

Ward: Any other questions?

Gandara: Any other questions? Board Member Eakman.

Eakman: Yes. Thank you for the report again. I was wondering, was the bite calls an average or was that more than usual in a month?

Ward: I would say that was more than usual for this month. It’s the summer months so in the summer months we always have it a little bit higher in the summer months.

Eakman: Very good. Thank You.

Gandara: Yes, Board Member Garrett.
Garrett: Thank you. And thank you for the presentation. One of the things I have continued to be concerned about are situations where we have animals who don't pose a threat to the public, who nonetheless are strays, and how many there are of those. I mean your highlights begin by emphasizing vicious or dangerous and then we've got information about 57 vicious dog calls 48 bite calls that's a little more than a 110, right, out of the total. I'm just curious do you have some sense of how many of the animals weren't sick or injured, weren't dangerous, and so forth.

Ward: I can break it down for you. Out of the month of August, our injured animals were 45. That's going to be sick or injured because we combine those into one category. Our vicious was 57. Bite calls were 48. So the unrestrained calls that we responded to were 350, that doesn't necessarily mean the officers picked those up. That means somebody called those in through Central Dispatch, "There's a stray running out there." Whether we picked them up or not that might be beside the point. We might have found out where they belong to and given them back to their owner or they might have been gone when we got there. So those statistics are a little bit off. In custody was 131 animals, somebody called they were in custody. Now because of the Shelter and the news release that went out for the Shelter, we have been trying to work with the owners on, or the people that have been calling their not the owners, but the people that have been calling if they're not posing a threat and if they can hold on to those animals and we can report them into the system a different way instead of taking them into the Shelter. We are trying to work with them that way. It's not always the case, but if we can do that, that's what we're trying to work with them.

Garrett: Right. I think the statistics that you present do a good job of illustrating that there's an important service that is provided by our ACOs to deal with dangerous and public safety issues. But there's also a part of this that has to do with owners not taking care of their animals the way they should. Letting them run loose which then poses a threat to the animals and potentially to other people. But this is very much a community problem that we're dealing with and the situation that we always face in terms of numbers going into the Shelter are actually things that people could control themselves if they were being responsible.

Ward: Right. I agree.

Garrett: Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Board Member Smith and I apologize. I know you had your light on. Sorry.
Smith: No worries. Thank you Madam Chairman and Thank you Officer Ward and Officer Holsey. I appreciate your good efforts and I think you have been presenting us with more useful information all the time and that that helps us get a better sense. So forgive me if I’m asking something that you explained previously, but on the 57 vicious calls and the 48 bite calls are those 48 bite calls included in the 57 vicious or are those separate?

Ward: Those are separately.

Smith: Okay, so we would assume that a bite is considered vicious, but it is in a separate category.

Ward: It's in a separate category. Usually the vicious and or dangerous we are usually looking at that as an animal that has attacked another animal.

Smith: Okay thank you for clarification.

Smith: Thank you Madam Chairman.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Board Member Williams.

Williams: Mary Lou on the bite dogs and the vicious dogs do those go to the Shelter or to the County's Court Hold Facility?

Ward: It depends on the case. And it depends on whether we've got a warrant holding the animal and on certain circumstances to where they might go.

Williams: Do you know the population of the County's facility at this point?

Ward: Of the County's facility? At our Facility?

Williams: Yes.

Ward: Zero. We have nothing at that facility right now. Of the animals being held at our facility?

Williams: Yes.

Ward: We have nothing.

Williams: Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Williams. Any other questions? Thank you Mary Lou and congratulations. Thank you for a job well done. We very much appreciate it.
Ward: Thank you.

Gandara: Gino.

Jimenez: Good morning Madam Chair and Members of the Board.

Gandara: Good morning.

Jimenez: I'm the Animal Control Supervisor for City of Las Cruces. Before I begin my presentation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Clint for bringing in a class that we all attended a couple weeks ago. This class was on compassion fatigue. And it's a very very important class that we believe our officers really needed at the time. You know compassion fatigue can lead to burnout and for our occupation that's about between five and seven years where an officer sees that same thing over and over and we can become complacent and now with this training that we received from Rob, who is a member of NACA, the National Animal Control Association, the officers were able to recognize that within themselves and take those steps to correct it before it becomes a tremendous problem. So I would like to thank Clint for bringing Rob to us and exposing us to that training. So here are my numbers for August 2018. We responded to 523 reported strays, of those 251 were GOA. We were able to capture 272 Strays and we impounded 223 of those at the Animal Service Center. Forty-nine were successfully returned to their owners in the field and 22 were unsuccessful. There were a total of 71 identifiable stray animals. I've kind of taken the liberty to at Councilman Eakman's request to expand a little bit on my numbers here and I hope that is what you were looking for sir. So out of that 71 were identifiable. They were wearing a tag, microchip, rabies tag, some sort of identification. Here is our three-year comparison for the strays. You can see that we're keeping within our trend. Last month we were at 523. Here is our four year comparison for field RTO's again, pretty comparable for the last three years. And I will stand for any questions you may have.


Jimenez: You're welcome. Thank you.

**B. Shelter Statistics and Activities/Educational and Spay-Neuter Initiatives**
- Clint Thacker

Gandara: Next on the agenda is our Shelter Statistic Shelter Activities Educational and Spay and Neuter Initiatives. Mr. Thacker, welcome home.

Thacker: Thank you. Good morning.
Gandara: Good Morning.

Thacker: Before I begin I would like to bring some up to date on some efforts we have been doing. First of all, the Compassion Fatigue Class that we did last week was a great success. We had Rob Leinberger who is the President of the National Animal Care and Control Association came and presented to us how change is not necessarily a bad word and cooperation isn't a bad word. Also talked about emotional support and compassion fatigue and burnout and the differences between those. It was invaluable for us those that are supervisors so we can see those warning signs in some of our staff and I think some of us went away with individuals in mind that we need to talk to and present that information to as well. All of the ACOs for the Animal Control Officers went for the City of Las Cruces. We had two sessions so we were able to rotate those through and I believe that all of County Animal Control Officers also went and then several, almost close to half of our staff were able to go through. I had our supervisors because we have so many and are open all seven days of the week there is no way that we are able to get everybody in so managers kind of pinpointed individuals that would benefit the best from it from our facility so they were able to go.

However, I can't take all the credit. It was actually Mary Lou who came to us several months ago and said we need to have a presentation on this. And the individual that she took the class from cost money that we just didn't have. So I said, well I know this guy and he's taught nationally and also at other state associations this compassion fatigue so Rob was kind enough to do it for free for us. All we had to do was pay for the flight and we didn't have to pay for the board because he slept in my house. So it was a good situation all around. So we appreciate him and also support from the municipalities here.

Now a quick update on our distemper outbreak. First of all I want to point out that this distemper issue has been at the facility for quite some time. Looking at the numbers we see that there was a large, this time of year there is a large jump in euthanasia specifically for distemper according to our records. We decided to really fix it and look at the root of the problem. Currently what we are doing is and this is what I believe is the reason for the large outbreak we're having is whenever a spot comes open anywhere in this facility except for the adoption area, a dog is placed there. So it goes right from our impound area into could be the heart of the shelter. There is no real setup of where these animals are going. So we've been working with Austin Pets Alive. They are a leading lifesaving organization out of Austin Texas and have been around for a very long time. We've been working with them consulting and they have a proven impound method that really keeps things nice, clean, organized, so it's called the Snake Method. So an animal starts in cage number one and then the next day they are moved to cage number two and three and dogs
come in and move into cage number one and so by the time they are at
the end. They are ready to go into our Adoption Facility they've been in a
clean facility. They've been vaccinated from day one, they're vaccinated.
They're given that time for the immunity to begin to work so that makes a
lot more sense to me than just placing dogs that could be sick and putting
them into the heart of the shelter. So it's a change in theory. We're
getting used to it, but we're organizing that and beginning that today
actually is the first day.

So we have secured a temporary operating place at the
Fairgrounds on I-10 on the west side. So we secured that facility. Best
Friend's Animal Society has actually donated to us for temporary use of
their kennels. These large flat panel kennels that just put together with
bolts and we are going to be housing approximately anywhere from just
ten to fifteen to thirty dogs probably closer to fifteen to thirty dogs out there
at the facility. And that's so we can empty one portion of the shelter and
that portion of the shelter is going to be scrubbed and cleaned today and
tomorrow and then animals are going to be reintroduced using the Snake
System into that.

The entire shelter does not need to be evacuated or relocated. I
know that's going around that we're trying to do that. We're not. We just
want to clear out one specific area and then rotate the dogs through so we
can clean that area and so on and so forth. This is not the first time that
Austin Pets Alive has done this. They go through their part of the
Maddie's Fund Leadership Program and they have been a tremendous
help at other places throughout the country. So we are very happy and
lucky to have them. If it wasn't for them and with the personal things going
on with the loss of our family members and personal things to do with my
family I probably wouldn't be here right now. Probably would have gone
crazy. They have been heaven sent and so has Best Friends. Best
Friends has given us a budget of $10,000 to move these animals through
and to do the relocation and to purchase the items that are going to be
needed. So that is a huge help as well. So we appreciate them.

I also want to appreciate the citizens of Las Cruces. We put out a
plea for animals, for a temporary or it's called a Four Days for Life is what
we have been doing. What that is, is we have asked people to come in
foster an animal just for a couple days. The minimum four days. Foster
an animal of your choice so we can empty the shelter as much as
possible. Through that program, through rescues stepping up, through
adoptions improving, we have done several promotions for adoptions. We
have been able to clear majority of a kennel out. That we are able to
condense down and empty a kennel was just about fifteen dogs or so,
twenty dogs going to the off site place. APA, or is called Austin Pets Alive,
is the name, they are also going to be helping manning the temporary
shelter. Helping us get up and running. Showing us the best ways to
clean and also Best Friends Animal Society is sending two or three
representatives. They are going to come and help man that as well and
this is all for free, no charge to the center at all so we appreciate them
what their efforts that they're doing there. So all around I'd liked to have
seen a little bit more involvement from the community of really rallying
together and helping us. I know during the other issue we had with the
Giardia there was a lot of thankful or thanks and a lot more community
involvement it felt like, but this one maybe because this one has gone on
for so long maybe, but I would have liked to have seen more involvement
especially with the Four Days of Life Program, but it is what it is and we
were able to get that out. So we're excited for this to continue and also to
be over. It will take about three to four months for the cleaning and
everything to be done and not see any more distemper. We are still
euthanizing animals in our facility when they are not responding to the
treatment of distemper. We are treating those that that may come down
with the clinical signs of it. However we are euthanizing when they don't
respond.

All of the stats that we are doing everybody can see on our
Facebook Page. We are posting that daily. This is actually an idea from
Donny King, one of our front office specialist individuals. He attended a
training where another shelter was doing it and he came back to me and I
said I love this. It's a great idea. Let's try it. So the first time we did that
post there were a lot of confusion and outcry over euthanized animals and
why, but we've been able to explain those and there are far more positive
posts on these posts that we're doing than negative by far and people do
appreciate the transparency. We do those every day. So any questions
on distemper?

Williams: Madam Chair.

Gandara: Co-Chair Williams.

Williams: Mr. Thacker. I just want to, as we're thanking people, I want to make sure
that we also thank the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department who made
the Fair Grounds Facility available to us. Specifically Under Sheriff Liliana
McDowell-Schnell, she responded to us within hours of the initial plea
going out that whether we could use that area and they're being very
accommodating and we're hopeful that our facility staff can also help with
the move and getting the trailer unloaded.

Thacker: Thank you very much for mentioning that and I will echo that. We
appreciate the cooperation for that. We had a hard time finding a place to
do this. And again thank you to the citizens of Las Cruces because when
we posted that online there was a lot of responses, some great ideas, but
none of them were able to come to fruition for that but we do appreciate
that and we were able to find a spot for that, so thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. Board Member Smith
Smith: Thank you Madam Chair and Thank you Mr. Thacker. I don't have a question as much as I have a comment that as you pointed out, a lot of things came together that your active role in this helps the transparency piece, helps us look at how we're actually addressing an issue and hopefully maybe distemper will never completely go away, but we certainly look like we're getting in there in a way that's going to help get a handle on the current situation and reduce the likelihood that it's going come back. So I thank you. I know it's come at probably some personal tole and effort and certainly the continuing euthanizing of some of animals is distressing, but I think that what we're seeing is an active response to the situation that's very much appreciated. Thank you Madam Chair.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Any other questions/concerns? Okay.

Thacker: As always I can't take all credit for this. Honestly it really has been our Medical Director Susan Baez and also Austin Pets Alive and Best Friends that have really been pushing this for the last week as we've dealt with the issues personally in our life my wife and I's life that we've had to so, I appreciate it but it has to go to where it's due. I have gotten more grayer in my hair this past week so, but we appreciate the praise.

So to begin the report we have in July 2018 we have 557 total impounds or intake from the City of Las Cruces and 461 Doña Ana County again those are our two largest by far for a total of 1,061 total intake in July. Bernice and I talked this morning actually about these numbers and about reporting and we both feel very confident that as long as staff we can keep the PetPoint System up to date we can post just the previous month's numbers. We do feel confident that's a good decision because people are waiting a long time for these numbers. So we are going to try that and so next month, October we're going to have our Quarterly Report and you will see that the month after that it will be October's numbers. So we will begin doing that just on a month instead of a two-month delay. So going forward. So this is a comparison I thought this was very interesting in 2017 in July we took in 673 dogs, in 2018 we've brought in less 627, however, cats more than made up that difference 2017 was 290 and 2018 was 418. We really cannot figure out what that 418 came from. That's an extra 120 something animals or cats. We did look into the possibility that maybe the grant, so more people are bringing them in, but those are not being put in as a stray cat or an intake, those are being put in through our clinic program. So it's not that. I really believe that we do have, there are bumper years for all animals and so maybe it's just that. I know we had kittens early and we are having kittens later this year. We still have kittens in our facility that are being not necessarily brand new born but they are just a couple weeks old. So that could be a portion of what that higher impound is. Overall the 2017 intake was 991 and the 2018 was 1,061, so in the grand scheme of things that's what 70 numbers isn't a lot but the
cats is quite alarming of that intake and we will continue to look at that number going forward.

Our outcomes 167 adoptions, 160 reclaims, 270 rescued, euthanized 294 which is 27.7% and the live release rate was 67.2% total. Now, I do want to point out on this next slide you’ll see the comparisons live release rate for this last year was 63 and here we are with more animals and higher live release rate with the exact same euthanasia rate. July was the month that we did finally confirm that there is a distemper issue and we did euthanize animals at a higher rate due to that distemper in July. So that’s those numbers compared.

I do want to point out that rescued almost a hundred more, about 80 more animals and thank you so very much to the rescues here locally and also to the ones that we do that are out of state for us to continue to cooperate with that and that program. For licensing comparisons there again we continue to look at that PetData mail and also online program. With such a small number we have been in talks with David Dollahon and IT Department of doing something of our own. This is a lot of money that we’re spending. We are not going to plan on renewing that contract with PetData. So we continue to look at that, but it was decided that we are not going to renew that and that will save us quite a bit of money so we can put that towards other programs.

For the month of August our preliminary numbers, 920 was our total intake, 195 adoptions, 110 reclaimed and so on. A higher euthanasia rate, August was a hard month with the distemper. We at one point, one day we did over 30 dogs and that was the day that I decided that we are going to change how we’re looking at this and go a different direction. And I contacted El Paso Animal Control because they went through this same exact thing just about a month earlier. They put me in touch with a veterinarian from Austin Pets Alive who put me in touch with Faith Wright with Austin Pets Alive that’s part of the Maddie’s Fund Program Leadership. So we were able to really switch things around and save a lot of lives hopefully that way.

Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of really a lot of our programs. The biggest number you’re going to see here is Farmer’s and Petco. Without our volunteers we would not be able to be at these locations. We just do not have the staff to house. We have one person generally at each of these locations at the off-sites so and that’s impossible for one person to do so we thank them very very much. Kia, PetSmart, and Bravo Chevrolet continue to be big partners for us. Kia is always a fun place to be, Pitre Kia that one the first Saturday of every month we are there they usually have hotdogs cooking for us. The first time I got there they asked me if I wanted a hotdog and I go “No, I’m not buying a car.” They go "No, it's for you guys." I'm like wow. So they actually cooked for the volunteers and the staff that's there. So it was really awesome for them to do that for us. Continuing on to the volunteer hours, our photography teams are a huge benefit for us. They do great
pictures there and able to put them all over, they go into our database and those get blasted out everywhere. Facebook, Petango, all these different places. The teams that care for our cats, do a lot for us, again these are all volunteers that are doing this work. Cleaning cat cages and also our county cats, kudos to them, they realize that there is a problem there in the cat area where animals or kittens were getting sick so they called me and also our Medical Director, Susan Baez went out there and identified some problem areas. They problem solved got things taken care of. We provided some more cleaning. Our different cleaning items, chemicals and cats are looking good, healthy, and they're moving right out of there. We just brought I think two more or one more out there just a couple days ago.

Williams: Just to clarify Madam Chair.

Gandara: Co-Chair Williams.

Williams: I think we're up to 163 adoptions at this point. We're focusing less on kittens and more on teenage cats and we're having real good luck with that and they are moving quickly and I think you did bring two earlier this week.

Thacker: Yes. Teenagers need love too.

Gandara: They do.

Thacker: Currently we have 28 families with 51 animals in our foster program. We continue to make strives to make this larger. I attended a meeting I believe it was early in August for the Unitarian Church, I believe Jean can give us more information on it, but we were there talking about fosters and how the foster program is going to help Animal Service Center to be able to achieve the no kill status that we look for. Surrender to foster currently we have one family with one animal in it. Some of our big boys. Right now all dogs over 40 lbs. are free adoption. We are able to do this through looking at the cost of how much it's going to be having these dogs and also life saving as well for them. So were excited to have those big boys featured and they're there at our facility. Again, all dogs over 40 lbs. is a free adoption.

Smith: Madam Chair.

Gandara: Sorry Board Member Smith

Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. Mr. Thacker, how long is that program on for the all dogs over 40 lbs.?
Thacker: Remaining September, it's all September.

Smith: Okay, just this whole month. Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.

Thacker: We continue to have a large group come through the shelter usually this number is in the 4,000s and I believe it's because of our remodeling construction that's going on right now. The shelter does actually from the outside look closed. If it wasn't for all the cars you would think it was a vacant building because of all the construction that is happening at the front. But we had over 3,000 visitors come to the shelter and those numbers are broken down as you see there. And then again on the reclaim offices it has two sides right now.

Our community outreach continues to be a success. Especially with the radio stations we have a new radio spot go out. I don't know if you've heard that or not, but it starts off with the dad telling his kid how or telling somebody that that's his kid over there and it's alright to leave him outside and if he gets a cold he'll just cough it out, not a problem. And then it goes on the announcer goes to say, "You wouldn't treat your kid this way. Why would you treat your pet this way?" And he brings up some great information about the center and they're hard numbers that we're talking about. Hard as in they're tough to swallow. And working with Wilson Binkley, we really wanted to get some stats out there so people are shocked. We're really trying to push the message of, we're in a dilemma at the Animal Service Center as far as animals coming in. We really are. So when it talks about over 800 animals coming in in a month that, it's a shocker. I'm even, when I hear it on the radio I'm like, "Holy cow". So then it breaks it down by number of animals being adopted, the number of animals that go out to rescue, and then it says, "The rest, well we do our best." And we really do. We do our best with those animals that are housed there at the animal facility. I have heard it mostly on Zia Country 99.5 so we appreciate all the radio stations that it's playing on and also in Spanish. The Wilson Binkley continues to be a huge help. We have some, we're calling them decals, we're not calling them bumper stickers, but decals that we are working on getting so when you adopt an animal from us you'll get a free decal and also they will be for sale and it has our logo and a fun saying on it; like "Forever Pet" or a just has a big adopt on it. Just some fun sayings so we are really on those. We also have some magnets that we're going to be giving out that have our contact information and our logo, looks like our business cards. Just trying to get the word out more. I was really worried it was going to be expensive to do, but it is really an excellent investment to be able to get your name out there and to see a car that's going to have a buy it when it comes out, all that free advertising. It will be worth it. And it's really not that expensive for these to be done. We continue to advertise in Dog'Cruces Magazine. We are scheduled to be at the Pet Expo coming up this September. We're excited to be there. Have pet adoptions. Still in American Classifieds and
also the Doc Senior Program. We had one cat in that and for those that are watching, what that program is, is if you qualify as a Senior Citizen you get $25 placed towards your adoption and that's free from the Doña Ana County Humane Society. We work with them for that. That does not mean though that you can adopt a 40 lb. dog and get free $25. It doesn't work that way. I know you guys were thinking that.

We currently have 245 animals in the foster to adopt program and I actually went around the Shelter this morning with my head hurting really bad. I'm sorry, the Center, with my head hurting from that 245, that is just an astronomical number. I asked Bernice if it was correct. I asked Michelle, our Office Supervisor if it was correct and I also talked to our Medical Director, making sure that number is correct, and it is. It is a correct number. The reason why is because of our kittens, the high cat number. The amount of kittens coming out of the facility is just phenomenal because they are really cute and cuddly, but none of them are sterilized. So these are animals that are in the foster to adopt program. Also the animals that we are pushing, we have done several days for free. We've done a lot more adoptions and they are just not sterilized yet, but we don't want to keep them at the facility until they get sterilized it's a Catch-22. We are following up on every single one of these animals to get them in. And I talked to our Medical Director about changing our focus more again toward shelter animals. See if we can get these animals sterilized then we don't have to put in the back end effort of contacting and setting appointments and so on. So it's a continual program that we are going to have. One of those necessary evils I think of what we're doing.

So for the surgeries, we did a 194 for the public, APA had eight, Broken Promises two, and the Community Cat Program 58. And that Community Cat Program continues to be a great success for us especially for euthanasia numbers, because those are cats that would just be euthanized without that trap/neuter/return program. So total surgeries in August was 428. Some of our cute cats that are available. Our cat team that does photography just does a fabulous job. If you've ever tried to take a picture of a cat you know these are excellent pictures. And that's all we have.


C. Committee Reports

1. Finance - David Dollahon, Committee Chair

Good morning Madam Chair, Members of the Board. My name is Josh Saffell and on behalf of the Finance Department of the City of Las Cruces, I would like to present the unaudited financials as of August 2018. Due to the timing of the meeting we haven't actually closed the month of August yet, so these are not final numbers so there may be some changes so we are still working on the close. The close usually takes place five business days after the end of the month so that will be Monday. So we are still working on that, but so these numbers are good, but they're just not final numbers. On our Balance Sheet that's page one of your packet the General Fund is showing about $548,000 in cash and $89,000 in receivables. That Receivable number the $89,000 is actually what's due from the County for the month of August and I'm sure we'll get that paid early this month. It's just a receivable at the moment.

The total Liabilities in the General Fund are about $96,000. The overall Fund Balance is at $636,000 with $292,000 in unassigned. So we are meeting our Fund Balance Reserve of $248,000. In Operations and of course that's the next page, page two Statement of Revenues Expenditures and changes in Fund Balance in your packet we see the General Fund is showing about $691,000 in Revenue and $348,000 in Expenditures giving us a net change of $343,000. The total Revenues are at 23.9% of budget and the total Expenditures are at 11.7% of Budget and our target of course is 16.7%.

Here we show actual Revenues compared to Budget actual Revenues of $691,000 is mainly due to Doña Ana and City contributions per the Joint Powers Agreement. You will notice that the City of Las Cruces is actually a little bit low it's that 22%, again because we haven't quite posted all the entries for August. The entry that transfers the funds from the City to the Animal Service Center has not posted yet, but that will post this week.

Looking at Expenditures we see that most of the expenditures are well below that 16.7%, the only exception being insurance which is at 25.9%. It's so high because while we paid our premiums and the premiums are done quarterly so of course we'll see that amount being slightly higher than what we would expect. In our Capital Projects Funds we see cash of $1.13 million and a Liability of $115,000. That Liability is actually the two grants that we got; The Petco and the PetSmart Grant. Because we haven't actually expended the funds we couldn't recognize it as revenue so it becomes a Liability known as Cash in Advance basically for those, so as that's spent that Liability will be decreased and our Revenue will be increased. And that concludes the August Financial Report. Are there any questions?

Thank You Josh. Any questions? Board Member Eakman

Madam Chair if I might, just to report that the Finance Committee met on August 21st reviewed the July Financials once again, but of course didn't
have the August at that time and is recommending changes to the Budget because we're still sorting out the last Fiscal Year so that's why we see a Resolution on the agenda today. Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Eakman. Any other questions? Thank you Josh. I appreciate it. I know moving up our meeting made it a little difficult, but we certainly appreciate your work.

2. Executive

Gandara: Okay. The Executive met on August 18th. We spoke to several items, always building the agenda for the September meeting, also spoke to the distemper issue many of the PAO's that you saw out were a lot of the dialogue that we spoke to. We want to continue to let the public know in a very transparent way that we have a plan we are working through that. We appreciate the help from all the rescues, from the staff, Clint, Dr. Susan. I know it's probably a very, very difficult time, but again we do have a plan and continue to work with the City in terms of the facility as a whole and how to move forward. And Clint can I ask you to discuss a little more further about the work that is going to be done with the new plans and the information in terms of meeting with Facilities and how we're going to move forward in terms of HVAC and different things like that.

Thacker: Yes. So we did have a good meeting, a series of meetings, last I think a couple weeks ago, Friday. We had a good discussion about the HVAC issues there at this facility. We talked about getting a study done for airflow study that will be completed sometime this month. It is going to be scheduled by the correct department. I believe it is going to be Facilities that will be doing that. We also talked about some of the things that were brought up in this meeting last week, about maybe doing some that are ductless doing anything right now temporarily to ease that. That's some possibilities there. I had an idea because to side track on the house that's down there and the grant that we have to demolish that house we are going to just bring it in to the contract we currently have with the contractor doing our renovation of just adding that in to it and having that done having them demolish it. So I thought well what about we're already up on the riff, we're already dealing with the ducts of they are bringing in another HVAC unit to do the new lobby area, why can't we just you know it's easy to do why can't we just throw in another couple hundred thousand dollars and put some refrigeration air on the top while we're already there and doing the ducts while we are in the ceiling. So she is going to get with me, the architect is going to get with and get some numbers together so we can have that and see what that actual will cost to be to get that done. Does that answer your question?

Gandara: It did. Thank you Clint. Any other questions around that?
3. Facilities

Gandara: Okay. Facilities, Mr. Smith.

Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. As has been covered by several of the comments already, work is already started on the new addition and remodeling of the existing building. And has also been commented is on the fact that with the GO Bond passing we are going to need to be working on plans for the new building and certainly the discussion about how the AC the HVAC is handled in both the current building and changes there and potentially with the new building. It brings me to a question that I've been struggling with and that is that every since I have been chairing this committee we have struggled to have meetings on a regular basis and I have an additional question and that is simply what are we expecting the Facilities Committee to do? Are we asking that the Facilities Committee be a part of the discussion about the design for the future? If so, then we need to be looking at ways that we are actively involved. Board Member Garret of course was previously Chair of this Committee and it may be helpful to understand how that was approached in the past, but if I'm simply a pass through or if our Committee is simply a pass through for information that Mr. Thacker is able to share with us I'm not seeing that we're actually actively doing something. So I would like a little guidance from the rest of this Board as far as what we are expecting Facilities Committee to do so that I can more proactively work on setting up the meetings and making sure that we're covering those areas because right now I'm feeling kind of like the slacker of the crew here.

Gandara: Certainly don't want you to feel like "the slacker" Board Member Smith. I think one of the difficulties is, is that as we all the three of us sit on the Executive we speak to Facilities, we're having issues getting Board Member Gonzales to the table and so that makes it a bit difficult. But from my perspective I think the Facilities Committee really needs to be involved in the new addition and ensuring that you're familiar and a part with Clint and others in terms of how we move forward. That's my recommendation. Any other feedback that the Board may have? Board Member Garrett.

Garrett: Thank you Madam Chair

Gandara: I saw you coming to push but, didn't see the light. Okay.

Garrett: When we establish committees for the Board, the intent, as I recall was to make sure that when we got to our general Board meetings, that sufficient work had been done at the policy level so that when we as a whole looked at an issue, we were able to make well-informed decisions. And the idea of Facilities is simply that we have that as a major responsibility and then...
we have to some degree operations get involved in that, but I think that
the responsibility relative to Facility runs everywhere from basic analysis
of whether we're meeting standards in terms of the maintenance work and
the cleaning and all that, all the way up to do we have the information
that's necessary for the Board to make decisions about major additions
and changes. The other thing, and I think this is mentioned in our
Strategic Plan is that we also as part of Facilities have questions like
mobile surgical units that are out there as potential ideas, and I think it's
up to that committee to sort of keep track of the full range of things that
have to do with our kind of capital. And its condition and what we're doing
to improve. So I guess I would say yes I think it's still important for us to
have that committee. I understand, we've always understood that there
were potential overlaps between Executive and both Finance and
Facilities, but I think we need to keep all three of those going because
there are going to be times where we need more work on the Budget
issues and finances and grants and that kind of thing and the same thing.
So I think what I would suggest is that maybe sitting down and kind of
laying out what are the issues for the committee to be working on and
maybe that's something to be done with the Executive Committee so that
you've got a division of labor and it's clear what needs to be done with
which group.

Gandara:   Board Member Smith

Smith:  Well I thank you both. And I would say that since we on the City Council
rarely sit down with the City Architect or some of the people who are
tasked with executing some of the things that we're trying to do at the City
Council Level instead of a shift of gears when we're talking about a
Facilities Committee working for this Board and working with the City
Architect and the other people who are involved in making some of those
things happen, so I appreciate that input and certainly will endeavor to get
more actively involved in some of those aspects of what we're trying to do.
And since Madam Chair you sit also with me on the Facilities Committee
we'll try not to intrude too much on Executive Committee, but also include
Board Member Gonzales better as well. I realize that he has a commute
to get up here for things, but we'll work on that. Thank you Madam Chair.

Gandara:  I appreciate that Board Member Smith and we'll work on that certainly.
Thank you.

D. Zero in 7 Update

Gandara: Next is Zero in Seven update. Good morning.
Gilbert: Good morning. I'm Jean Gilbert, the Secretary for the Coalition for Pets and People bring in the community animal welfare report. Here's the mission statement for the Coalition which was adopted in March 2017. Here's the listing of community organizations. And we make every effort to represent all of the organizations with slides. Here were the topics that were discussed at the August Coalition meeting, and we're so happy that the GO Bond passed for a new animal shelter. And Last Litter will be mentioned in this presentation, and also so will the TNR grant status and fostering.

Speaking of fostering, I know Clint made reference to this and this was a recent animal fostering forum which was hosted by the Unitarian Animal Advocates and the program was done in two segments. The first segment were with our keynote speakers which were Clinton Thacker of the ASCMV, Michel Meunier with APA, and Frank Bryce with HSSNM. And then after they each had a 10-minute presentation on fostering as it related to their respective organizations and then there was Q&A from the audience. And in the second segment we had representatives from organizations that each of them had 10 minutes and they gave some fostering stories respective to their organizations and of course Tricia Quinllen is the volunteer coordinator with Safe Haven. And Michelle Corella represents cats in the community and of course is on the board of directors of the Cat's Meow. Joy Miller represents the community at large because she fosters for, has over many years fostered for many organizations in the community and now more recently Forever Homes Animal Rescue. And I just want to say how delighted I was as a long time advocate in the community to see so many players in one room. There were over 40 people there, so we were really thrilled with the attendance.

Here is some upcoming events; Safe Haven is sponsoring a low cost spay/neuter this weekend. HSSNM we have our adoptions coming up, and of course the Dog'Cruces Pet Expo is weekend after next and SNAP has a spay/neuter clinic this month. Here's the Dog'Cruces Pet Expo.

Doña Ana County Humane Society and Spay/Neuter Action Program co-host Yappy Hour and I personally like this theme. And that will be September 19th. This is not up to date information and I think, was it yesterday or the day before I received like three e-mails, one from Tom Townsend, one from Michel Meunier, and one from Frank Bryce all saying the same thing, that the grant has been fulfilled. So evidentially if there are any cats out there that are not in that 500 number, they evidentially have appointments now to be spayed and neutered because it's my understanding now there are no more openings for any cats. So the grant has basically been fulfilled within seven months, so it just goes to show you the great need.

And Broken Promises, this is just a sample of what a very busy day can be for them, trapping two cats in the morning in a colony, rescuing a cat from the shelter in the afternoon, and trapping Bowser who's pictured
here in the evening. And below is Gracie who is the mom of a few kittens and that colony has been completed. Broken Promises numbers are 53 TNR year to date and I know September is going to show an increase because on just one weekend here recently they trapped eight cats, so they are stepping up their TNR work.

And here is Cat's Meow. And I want to say that they had a very very successful fundraiser with their Bellissimo Gattini, their lasagna fundraiser and this is a picture of Cleo and Cleo's adoption is very significant because he was part of a hoarding case and came with two others and this cat was very very sick for a very long time. And Cat's Meow is debuting their new T-shirt which I really like. I think we should all get one. And Mary Lou Ward and Clint both referenced the recent compassion fatigue conference or classes that were over a weekend. I want to thank Mary Lou for the photos. And HSSNM we're happy to say provided refreshments for the workshops.

And HSSNM stats, you can see there we have 31 year to date for adoptions. Our pet help line averages over 100 calls a month and Cans for Critters year to date since 2012 has helped 155 animals with $7,630 that have been brought in through aluminum can reclamation. Microchips, were getting close to 6,000 now. We had a wonderful donor, her name is Debbie Holderby who made some homemade cat beds and Dorothy kitty is inspecting her bed which went home with her at her adoption.

And this is a program I lead. I lead Critter Connection and Fur'ever Friends and school started as you know in August and we've done 12 sessions. That's one of the, as part of the curriculum I started out because it's actually the name of our program, BFF, Books for Fur'ever Friends. And so I worked with the kids and some stories with animals with extension activities that are BFF from that book. And Terry Blevins in the middle was one of the guests with her little Ms. Sassy at Grace Village and Susan Sammis, long time volunteer in the community and affiliated with Therapaws with her dog Leo at Oñate high school.

Cherished K-9s, I know they've had some record adoptions and I want to acknowledge Carla Baker in the audience, she's the president of Cherished K-9s. And they've had some record adoptions with six Cherished K-9s found their adoptive homes in August and they had two more that were pending at that time. I'm assuming those were adopted and there's one of the six right there, Zaney. And then some Corgi mix pups who are visiting there former foster mom. Adorable puppies.

And 2 Hearts 4 Paws, they hold adoption events the first Saturday of the month and here some that were featured, some Pomeranian sisters who are in foster care were at their event. And 2 Hearts 4 Paws did a donation drive for food and supplies for Last Litter.

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, they've had 15 adoptions year to date and Kelani is one of their recent adoptions and I like the middle picture of a visitor to the store with their dog with some summertime reading. And Safe Haven also had a recent information table and they
were promoting the spay/neuter clinic that’s coming up and that was held at Tractor Supply.

ACTion Program for Animals, Nathaniel Pete, the boy pictured on the right with his brother, for his birthday he asked for food and supplies for APA and school supply donations for children which is so enlightened.

And then another thing done by children was at Alameda and MacArthur Elementary schools did a Pennies for Pet campaign and that brought in $200 along with these beautiful handmade cards from the children. And APA stats for August, you can see there in the corner. And Biscuit, I thought this was really a cool story. We know that Greg and I’m trying to remember Greg’s last name who’s a handler of a lot of the dogs that are in the PAWS program and it is his daughter that adopted Biscuit and Biscuit has moved to San Antonio. And during the month of August APA ran a summer loving free adoptions for cats and there is Sandy is one of the many. They adopted a lot of cats during the month of August.

And Last Litter Inn officially opened and I know Kelly Barker is here with her team and she’ll be talking soon. They officially opened their doors August 14th and I’m happy to say that the Coalition approved some funding to help Last Litter. Their mission as you can see here is to alleviate homeless discarded puppies in Las Cruces and those weaned puppies are transferred to a specialized rescue. This is all done free and I’m not going to say too much more because I know Kelly is going to tell you about that.

And Colorado Puppy Rescue has just been phenomenal with the work that they’ve done helping Kelly and Kelly’s organization and the Animal Shelter. And here are some of the photo ops that are of the pups now that they are at, some of them now that were former guests that are in Colorado and of course the Inn has a lot more precious puppies in their residence and Kelly will be talking about that. And just that volunteers are of course needed because the mom dogs need break time from their puppies and there are just so many other rewarding roles and volunteer opportunities at Last Litter Inn.

Forever Homes Animal Rescue, Jamie Jones is the Las Cruces coordinator and on the left is a picture of Chew-Chew who was a rescue from the shelter. I put this on the slide just to show what one of their postings can look like because here we’re seeing that the first leg of the transport has been filled. The second leg from Albuquerque to Trinidad or Pueblo, Colorado is where when that posting was made was where there was an opening and then the third leg was filled. So this is how they fulfill the legs is by posting and sharing with animal advocates and through our network. And then here are some pictures of some other animals that have been transferred and relocated and their referrals all come from Southern New Mexico and El Paso, and they go to places such as Albuquerque and cities in Arizona and Colorado and I’m sure elsewhere, but these are ones from that location, these photos here.
And this is Doña Ana County Humane Society and the picture on the right and the one in the middle are related to the Animal Relief Fund. The dog Smilie on the right had an obstruction and the Animal Relief Fund helped with medical costs for that. And then the young puppy in the middle had a broken femur and they helped with, the R-Fund helped with that which is a very very valuable program for pet retention, helping to keep pets in their homes. And we know that the Doña Ana County Humane Society has their pets for senior program and here is one of a woman who adopted two kittens from the Animal Shelter.

SNAP has clinics coming up September 24th and October 15th. I like their batman cartoon.

Kelly’s organization along with the Dog Park Coalition hosted a Check the Chip event in August and here are some pictures Animal Control had a table and the people by the Check the Chip are representatives of the Dog Park Coalition. Here we see Denise and Denise is here in the audience, is pictured here at their information booth for Last Litter. And then we see a member of the public who is training his dog it looks like, his two golden retrievers. And more from the Check the Chip event, members of the public in the photo on the right and Dr. Carver I believe it was who was the veterinarian on hand for vaccinations and then we see a picture of Kevin Armstrong who is the president of the Dog Park Coalition.

And we want to remember Julie Schmidt and I certainly remember her from the Mutt Show. She used to do some wonderful demonstrations with some of her equipment, her grooming equipment and I know as back as 2009 Kevin said that this is part of a legacy that she leaves. She would hold Christmas parties for her clients and she is the person who was instrumental in the start of celebrating the dog’s birthdays at the dog park which they do twice a year.

The Las Cruces Pet Network advocates for animals in need through e-mail and Facebook. And like the dog Dirk pictured on the right and which they’re lost and found animals or animals that are in need in some way, maybe they need medical help or foster or adopters, but a whole range of needs, the network advocates for animals. And the network also posts on a regular basis through direct distribution and through social media the pet of the week for the ASCMV. And that completes the community report. Any questions?

Gandara: Thank you. I don't see any questions at this point. I appreciate it.

Smith: Madam Chair.

Gandara: Board Member Smith.

Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. And Ms. Gilbert just thank you. I've said this before but I continue to appreciate the wealth of information that you share
with us and the photographs really heartens me that so much is being
done and so much collaboration is happening so I appreciate that very
much and wish you well in your continued good work. Thank you.

Gilbert: Thank you very much. I just want to say how proud we can be as a
community. I've really seen it grow over the years and expand the
services and the programs and the work that we all do. I think we can be
very very proud. Thank you.

Smith: Thank you Ms. Gilbert. I agree. Thank you Madam Chair.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Thank you Ms. Gilbert.

E. Last Litter Presentation

Gandara: Kelly Barker is next up. Last Litter presentation.

Barker: Good morning Madam Chair and Board Members. I'm Kelly Barker of
UNCaged Paws. And today I'm here to bring the Last Litter to you to show
you the work that we've been doing in the last 20 days. Let me find us
here. I'm really proud to present a video that was done by Melissa and
Koko Dean.

VIDEO PLAYED.

Barker: And if it would please the Board, there are many members of the Last
Litter team who are in the audience today who have taken time off of their
work schedule to come and tell you about their work, in 20 days they've
put in 650 man hours. Many of us have lost weight. We call it a pound for
a hound. I've never worked so hard with something so joyous and I'd like
if you would be so kind as to let them speak for an allocated period of time
about their experience, the importance. These are members of our
community who've come together, many of them I did not know before this
program started. So if you'd be so kind.

Gandara: Yes Kelly.

Barker: Thank you.

Gandara: I'm going to give you two minutes each. Welcome. Thank you. I see
some tears out in the audience.

Beyer: I'm Denise Beyer. I'm a retired teacher Las Cruces Public Schools and
Gadsden Public Schools for over 27 years. And I retired so I could take
care of my two grandchildren. My son is a City Firefighter. My daughter-
in-law is a nurse, so daycare doesn't really work for that and so I help out
when I need to. Then I discovered the Services Center needed volunteers
got there ahead and worked with them for a while and then they had asked for
someone to walk dogs before they were photo ops and that's how we
began with Melissa and Koko and that's how I met Kelly. After that when
Last Litter became a thing, I started going and I'm addicted. I'm never
home. I'm there between six and 12 hours a day sometimes, because
there's always something to do and trust me it's not always what was in
those lovely pictures. Yesterday was a lot of poop, so there was a lot of
that. But we need desperately volunteers who are willing to give even
short amounts of time to things like doing dishes and mopping floors and
making sure that we can maintain a facility that's safe for our animals, but
it's so rewarding and I just love every minute of what I do. But it is hard.
It's hard some times because we have to send them off to somebody else
after we've taken such good care of them, but we try really hard and we
thank you guys. We hope you continue to support this program.


Kleitz: Good morning. My name is Jennifer Kleitz. And I am new to the progr
I've been there about two weeks working with Kelly Barker and Last Litter.
My sister Denise brought me in. We are both dog lovers from forever. I
recognize how important this is and I have a lot of things on my plate and I
run through businesses but I make time to do this because it's very
important. I think what Kelly has put together is fabulous and she's really
making a difference and I encourage you to support her program. I think
it's giving puppies, mommas a safe place to be and then taking care of the
mommas and giving them their time and putting the puppies into good
homes. So thank you very much and I just love working there and helping
out. I mean it's cleaning up poop and it's feeding little puppies who have
walked in their poop, but I mean who doesn't love puppy breath. Thank
you.

Gandara: Thank you.

Buckman: Hi. My name is Kathy Buckman.

Gandara: Good morning.

Buckman: I work for Farmer's Insurance. In addition to working a full time job, I love
to spend my time with Kelly and everyone at the Last Litter Inn. It is a lot
of hard work, but it's very rewarding in addition to knowing the good that
you're doing the comradery with these people that you work with. It is a
very rewarding volunteer experience. I started working with Kelly with the
Tails for Freedom program and started with the Last Litter Program as
soon as it opened. Yes, there's a lot of dog poop. There's a lot of food.
There's a lot of work to be done. It's a lot of hard work, but it's such a
great experience. We make an amazing team. We work really well together. We know each other. We can sit down afterwards like we did last night, sat down after all the puppies were taken care of and all the cleaning was done and we were able to sit down and discuss some of our issues and some of the additional things that need to be done. Maybe any mistakes that have made that we have learned from and how to better ourselves and make this a better program for the puppies and for the community. So thank you.

Gandara: Thank you so much.

Williams: Sounds like she knows a thing or two because she's seen a thing or two.

Gandara: Right, or five or ten, or 20. It's a good tagline Co-Chair Williams. Kelly is there anybody else. Okay.

Avery: My name is Diane Avery and I'm actually from Sunland, well I don't live in Sunland Park but we've been trying to divert dogs that were coming from Sunland Park to your facility for the last two years, something close to 400 dogs that didn't get to Mesilla Valley because we were diverting them up there. But I look at the program that Kelly started as absolutely amazing because they've already proven you cannot kill them fast enough. You can't kill dogs fast enough, you can't kill cats fast enough. That's why the trap, neuter, release is so important for cats. But for dogs these puppies, this what 100 or close to 100 puppies that've been sent the last few weeks are a 100 puppies that won't be reproducing. Furthermore their mother's aren't going to be reproducing. This is a valuable program. We can't kill them fast enough. And as hard as it is even think of killing any of them, I feel when the shelter, Mesilla Valley or El Paso, any of the shelters, any of the public animal control areas, when they get blamed it's not their fault and they do a good job. None of them go to work every day going "Oh we get to kill dogs today, or we get to kill cats." So we have to look at ways like this program. And like the spay, neuter, release, and like making spay and neuter for dogs affordable. I paid for a rescue dog $205 to get one male neutered. That's ridiculous. People can't afford it. If they're going to have to feed their children or neuter their dog or spay their dog, they're not going to do it. We have to make it affordable. We have to make it available and we have to support programs like Kelly's that are going to divert them before they ever get the chance. This is 100 puppies that will not get to reproduce because where they're going, make sure they get spayed and neutered.

Williams: Thank you very much.

Avery: Thank you.
Gandara: I think you're on Ms. Kelly.

Barker: Thank you Kathy, Denise and Jennifer. So I will read part of this but I'm giving it to you in printed form. So the Last Litter is a pilot project developed by my 501(c)(3) rescue UNcaged Paws to provide a safety net for the puppy transport program. Since October of last year I've been working almost exclusively with Colorado Puppy Rescue. We've transferred prior to the beginning of this program, we've transferred 888 puppies out of Las Cruces to Colorado Puppy Rescue. That program was put in jeopardy with the outbreak of the distemper that was eventually recognized at the shelter. Colorado Puppy Rescue lost 13 puppies that we sent to them between June and July and unfortunately they could not continue to take the risk that I was pulling directly from the shelter, putting on the shelter vehicle and transporting directly to them. So the only way to continue the life saving work of transferring was to be able to provide a safety net. And this safety net is now called the Last Litter Inn. I was able with the help of Frank Bryce to secure a facility on a short-term basis and it was a former dog boarding, grooming, and daycare facility. It primarily meets our needs and we could house at any one time over 100 puppies in multiple rooms. It's got multiple play areas and really it's really been a lifesaver.

So in 20 days of securing the facility with some of he volunteers you saw here today, we've put in 650, I think I typed that wrong, 650 volunteer hours have been logged. The transports have continued and we just yesterday morning sent out 33 puppies and that's the second transport out of the Inn so we're a total of 66 puppies out of the Inn in the last two transports, bringing our total to something like 940 now with Colorado Puppy Rescue. Probably the most encouraging part that I learned from the last two transfers, is usually what happens is when the transfer happens the Colorado Puppy Rescue, they take their puppies directly to a vet in Raton who does the health certificates and does the physical evaluation of the animals that we have sent. Most of the time in the past I received messages back, I'll receive the report back and it will say things like "live ticks," "dead fleas," "cuts," "bruises," these sort of things. And that's of course coming straight out of the shelter where they had no ability to do grooming. They had no ability to give them baths. They just don't have the resources to be able to do it. In our facility we were able to prepare everybody to go. Everybody had their nails clipped. Everybody had their ears cleaned. Everybody had fleas and ticks and things like this all taken off. So when they went to the vet I got two totally clean reports which tells us that we're sending quality product to them. The other important part of what we're doing at the Inn is because there is socialization that single puppies previously had to transfer in a single cage and that takes up of course room in the transport vehicle, more for the receiver than for the sender because we've have the luxury of having a beautiful vehicle to transport in. The receiver comes down in a big SUV.
with crates. But because of the socialization we can now take two puppies that were not part of a litter, but have now been socialized together and they can transfer as companions in a single crate, thereby meaning that we can transfer more in the 18 allocated kennels that we are giving. So we see a lot of really good that can come out of it in just such a short period of time.

So the plan and how this is technically working, although it is a work in progress, is the program is designed to have the public and ACO deliver the moms and pups to the shelter. The shelter is to be segregating their vaccinations and containment protocol so that they isolate those candidates for the program outside of the main shelter system. The idea is that they are papered to the shelter but maybe are in Clint's office or lunchroom, or something like this and that they never enter the shelter population. The animals are the property of the ASCMV because they are put into the PetPoint system. We then take them because someone contacts us, and we care for them prior to the transfer. Ninety-eight percent of the care is provided without any ASCMV involvement. The shelter van does provide the transport every two weeks to Albuquerque and if we do have a medical concern and we have had, then they will be my first line of contact to say I have a problem and I need you to see this puppy.

In 20 days we have had two cases of parvo. Of course that takes my breath away to even say it, that we have experienced it. We're still working on protocols and what the reason might be and how it happens and of course like all of these things, whether it's parvo or distemper, there's a lot of mixed messages with a lot of experts giving information as to how it happens, what the containment period is and things like that. We have had the two cases, case two is the one we're more focused on right now because it came into the ASCMV on August 23rd, it was listed on the paperwork that I received as vaccinated, it was supposedly only in the shelter less than four hours and 11 days later it broke with parvo. We know that there was a break in protocol because when I saw the puppy it was already in the SBR room, so therefore it was in shelter population and theoretically in an adoption room. So that was a break in shelter protocol because it would not normally have been there. The 11 days, we don't know whether that's long or short because I've heard all sorts of things, but she put down very very quickly. I brought her directly to the shelter the moment that we saw something going on and Susan Baez and the team from Austin Pets Alive came to my vehicle and performed some medical services there, their support services to try and help her, but later that day actually within two hours the recommendation was made that they euthanize her and that we were not going to be able to pull her through. Case one was a community dog. She was five years old which is very odd to end up with parvo. She came in to our system nursing her five 12-day-old pups. The pups are thriving and they have tested negative for parvo. We took her to the shelter, asked for immediate support services
for her. We went even a step, because she was there first, we went a step further and we went directly to private vets in town at a cost of $1,400 for two days of services and basically Mimi was euthanized under the recommendation of Calista Vet after three days of being diagnosed. She was an odd case. There might be one that appears like that every now and then, but obviously we’re looking at everything that we’re doing both shelter protocol and our protocol to make sure that we don't have these problems coming in and that we've got healthy puppies. The loses were really devastating to our team and everybody is committed to work on basically protocols from shelter straight forward.

So what we're looking at doing and this will require budgetary approval is to approve the Last Litter as a pilot program benefiting the ASCMV for a period from August 14 which is the day we opened, though December 15, 2018. Funding for the program would be through a management service contract to the nonprofit, UNcaged Paws. Our estimate is $7,000 a month. That will allow us to put on some paid staff. That will allow us to also pay vet or vet techs to visit our place on a fairly regular basis to ensure that the health of the animals is progressing as we want it to. The program fees would pay for the building operation which is the rent, the utilities, the trash, site management, and of course all food, housing, vaccines, parvo test, distemper tests, all of the regular things that go into it. The ASCMV would still provide backup medical care as required, but obviously our goal is not to pull too heavily on them because they're dealing with so much of what's going on in the particular shelter, but they would certainly be as this is their animals, they would be our first line.

We would like the facility to be considered an offsite annex for the ASCMV for purposes of the pilot program. And in my conversations with both Maddie's Fund, Best Friends, and Austin Pets Alive, they believe that this pilot program could be groundbreaking and they would like us to do success measurements as to how it works and what our tracking will be in terms of socialization, health of the animals, etc. And in doing so they probably are looking at what it would take to recommend this program to other places. In addition, because of Austin Pets Alive they identified another puppy receiver for us and I will commence transports from Last Litter to this new receiver starting September 21. They will take another 65 puppies per month from us and they will go to northern California. The receiver provides their own transport. They'll come to Cruces and pick them up. This will then allow us to increase total capacity between California and Colorado to 150 puppies a month to leave this particular area. Sixty-six puppies have left in the last two transports, that does bring us to a total of 954 puppies that we have transferred in 10 months. We know that the big problem here is outreach to the community to have them feel safe to come to the shelter, surrender their nursing mom if that's the case, and the puppies. Most puppies here are either sold cheaply on Facebook, given away, and of course all that does is repopulate those
puppies because they're going out unvaccinated in 99% of the cases and there's no follow-up on sterilization. So if we can take puppies out of the population to an area where we know that they're taken care of. We are effectively stopping what's going into the pipeline.

In the community and trying to get the community to work with us, we've sold the program that if you have a mom who has had an unplanned litter and you turn that mom and puppies in to the Last Litter program, when the nursing mom has finished and we transfer the puppies, we will fix the mom and vaccinate her and microchip her for free and return her to you. We currently have two moms in the program whose puppies have already left, the moms are getting fixed, and they will go back to their homes. And I think that that will allow the community to feel safer with us and not be, maybe not be penalized for having to make the decision of turning their puppies in or turning their mom in, because a lot of times we have found in the past they try and turn in 12-day-old puppies with no mother and obviously there's no survival rate for those animals at that time.

So my request today is that the ASCMV and Clint Thacker take this under advisement as a pilot program, approved, to continue working with the shelter through December and taking a look at this program. I know it works. I've seen it work and at December perhaps what happens is maybe the shelter will be in a position to take it back and handle all the moms and babies themselves, if they're not then obviously we can talk about what could be a future for the program. So with that I thank you. I'll stand for questions.

Gandara: Thank you Kelly so much for the work that you're doing here. Are there any questions? Yes, Board Member Smith.

Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. Thank you Ms. Barker. I've commented before that you have a knack with the words and certainly the Last Litter Inn just is very catchy and immediately in three words helps us understand what's going on and what's happening there. So I appreciate you putting that thought process to work in such a passionate and productive way because you keep coming back to us with more neat things. And really the only question I have is as you have presented how this works and how it would conceivably work with the Animal Services Center, and I'm not sure you'll be able to answer this, but as a entity and you're set up as a 501(c)(3) already for that or for UNcaged Paws?

Barker: Well UNcaged Paws is a 501(c)(3) and all of these programs function under it.

Smith: Okay.

Barker: It doesn't require a separate 501(c)(3), they're pilot programs.
Smith: Well thank you. And as a pilot program what constraints do we have on us as far as how we proceed with the kind of thing that you're talking about because certainly often when the City's doing programs and that sort of thing, we have to go through an RFP process and those kinds of things and I certainly appreciate and think what you're doing is great, but I don't know what constraints we have as far as making that kind of commitment. So I don't know who would be able to help us understand that better, but it's certainly something I appreciate what you're doing and appreciate you bringing the pilot idea to us. Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Co-Chair Williams.

Williams: Thank you. And Kelly I want to echo what Board Member Smith has said on all levels. My concern of course is the budget. Clint, do we have sufficient budget to do a midyear revision of this magnitude to support this program?

Thacker: We would have to cancel making some purchases, some things that were requested and possibly have to delay them until next year. So is it possible, yes it is. That's the answer.

Williams: If I may continue Madam Chair.

Gandara: Of course.

Williams: When I first saw this proposal a few weeks ago the rate was $5,000 a month and now it's jumped to $7,000 and what I didn't see in the original proposal, perhaps I missed it and maybe, well you say that you want to bring on paid personnel. Clint do we have sufficient personnel that we could lend shelter personnel to support this program and maybe bring down the financial costs?

Thacker: No we do not. Not for that. I've requested the five additional animal caregivers in there and that is for the shelter. We need that.

Williams: My third question is, has the program proposal been brought forward either to the ASCMV's attorney, to determine whether there is an anti-donation issue here or to the City or the County's attorney's offices to determine whether this Board has the authority to contract with a nonprofit for a pilot project of this nature?

Thacker: No it has not.

Williams: The last concern, well I want to support the program Kelly, I really do and in fact I've made a donation yesterday. I'm concerned about precedent
and whether if the ASCMV Board approves a contract of this magnitude with your organization we just saw Jean present the breadth of organizations within this community and they're always looking for funds, and so are we putting ourselves in a position where other organizations are going to come up and say "Well we have another proposal for you."

And I'm not saying that that would be a bad thing, but we would have to evaluate each of them and I'm worried about setting precedent. I think that the matter, my recommendation to this Board would be to give direction to Clint to do a budget presentation for us to show exactly how if this Board were to go forward, the money would work and to pursue legal review to make sure that we are able to do a pilot program of this nature without running a foul of either procurement or anti-donation issues under the State of New Mexico law. Thank you Madam Chair.

Thacker: Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. Any other? Board Member Garrett I see you reaching for your light.

Garrett: Thank you. And thank you Kelly for the work that you're doing and the folks that are working with you. I want to echo both the sentiment that's been expressed by others here in terms of it appears to be a very good program that's timely and working and at the same time there are some concerns that as the Board we have to look at. I want to also note that we're already into your timeframe and one of the things that, I mean the County Commission just had to undo an agreement, basically a resolution to pay some of our senior DASO officers on a retroactive basis and we were told we couldn't do that. There are state laws that apply to some of this and so I'm going to say that your timing was great in terms of jumping in to respond to the situation at the shelter, but that the legal and the financial is lagging behind and I don't know how that's going effect this.

It occurs to me that one thing that does make this a little bit different potentially is that you've presented this as a way of helping the shelter immediately reduce the population going in during a crisis with the distemper outbreak. I'm concerned that we in a certain sense haven't given other organizations an opportunity also to do that and to compensate them for that. So those are some of the things I think that need to be worked out with the attorneys and we just need to understand that we've got to do that. I would simply say I'll put in a contribution myself, I'm going to make a commitment to do something and I think as opposed to just looking at this as something for ASCMV to fund, we may be able to support some other work that you're doing in terms of getting public support for this, look for grants, look for other ways of doing it. I just want to in terms of words the idea that the facility would be an offsite annex for ASCMV I immediately am thinking about standards and
inspections and liability and that's the stuff we have to live with. And so I
think you've might've meant that in an informal way.

Barker: Correct.

Garrett: I'm thinking "Well wait a minute if this goes into some kind of an
agreement written that way, it means that we've actually sort of set up
some kind of relationship with ownership of that" because we can't just
think of it casually. So I applaud the initiative and the effort that's going
into this and I think that in everyone's interest we need to get to the bottom
of the legal and financial questions as fast as we can because somebody's
on the hook for some money and we want to make sure that we're clear
also about the legal issues. I mean just as an example you know we pick
up animals and there's this question about property and whose property is
the animal and there are a lot of protocols that are in place because of that
kind of thing, so we need to make sure that we're following the laws. And
maybe through that process are helping develop a better pilot for
replication in other places. So I want to thank you again for the work and
encourage the executive committee and Mr. Thacker to get to the bottom
of this as fast as possible.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Board Member Eakman.

Eakman: Yes. Thank you. And Ms. Barker thank you so much for the presentation.
I can understand where the tears come from on seeing that kind of
success happen and the closeness with those puppies. My stance today
is I hesitate to take any action on something like this because it wasn't
noticed on our agenda and we don't have other people here that might be,
we were told we were going to get a presentation, but I guess we didn't
know we'd have something that would effect the budget to that degree and
so being it wasn't spelled out like our three action items are spelled out, it
does give me some pause there. And I know our Executive Director has
discretion in what he does in managing the Services Center. And if I
heard correctly he doesn't have that amount of money in his budget to
take out of what he's doing to something else. He certainly hasn't
disclosed that to the Finance Committee that he has that kind of money
available. So I agree this probably has to come back to us in the future
and perhaps as an action item. Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Eakman. Board Member Garrett.

Garrett: Madam Chair. I'm just going to suggest that given the urgency of the
situation and the multiple parts that are involved in this and the fact that
we do have some people who are I think in good faith extending
themselves without a contract and without an agreement and again that's
not a very good way to do business. I'm just going to say that. I hope you
understand that. That we could potentially have a special meeting and so
I would be up for that. I think when I said get to understand what all the
ramifications of this are, I think that needs to be done quickly and then if
we need to come back together to deliberate on that one way or the other
we should probably do that.

Gandara:  Co-Chair. Thank you Board Member Garrett. Co-Chair Williams.

Williams:  Thank you Madam Chair. Josh, would you mind coming forward?
Normally I would ask this question to Board Member Dollahon but in his
absence you are our fiscal expert in the room. Does anything about this
discussion raise the hair on your neck as regards to procurement issues?

Saffell:  As far as procurement issues, I'm not that familiar with that. I work mostly
with the accounting side. There may be some definite, I would definitely
contact the purchasing department and see because I know the
procurement code may outline some specifics, so I would definitely
consult them because I feel that that'd probably be the best way to
proceed with that.

Williams:  From my limited knowledge, well 20 years of working in government, of
the procurement code, there are two ways to approach a contract of this
nature; one would be through an RFP process which is rather an extended
process, the other would be through a sole source option. And the sole
source as I understand it can be pursued when there is no competing
supplier for the goods and/or services that are being proposed. I'm
guessing that in this case a good case could be made for a sole source
contract, but again I like Board Member Garrett's idea of a special meeting
sooner rather than later, but I really want to have a sit down either with the
City's procurement, and I think it's appropriate that it be with the City's
procurement people. I want Mr. Dollahon in the room to talk about these
issues and then after that meeting I believe that Clint and the Executive
Committee should meet with the ASCMV's attorney to determine whether
there are any legal issues related to the State Constitution. I know that
that is what governed the retroactive issues that came before the Board of
County Commissioners recently. We need to find out what we can do
legally, how we can do it, and what those timelines are. In the meantime
I'm going to ask just on behalf of Kelly that this community continue to
support this program until this Board knows what we can do and what
amount of funding we have available, if any, to legally pursue a contract.
So that's my recommendation. I'll make myself available to the Executive
Committee to expedite this as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Gandara:  Thank you Co-Chair Williams. Kelly I very much appreciate what you're
doing here, you're willingness, you've stepped up. You've seen a need in
our community and we definitely have an issue with mommas and puppies
and so I would agree with everything that’s being said here. I knew and after talking to Frank and the Executive Committee to a degree that you were, we had talked about putting it as a presentation although I knew in my mind that there were going to be some procurement issues and some concerns about budget. I knew that Clint didn’t have that in his budget and we’d have to find it in some way. So as we’re moving through this I would agree that we need to contact legal. Sit down with the City procurement and David Dollahon. Unfortunately he’s ill today, unable to be here and he may or may not be back until Monday. I will be gone the rest of next week, returning on Sunday and so I’m not saying that you have to work around my schedule. I’m happy to be by phone if you determine in terms of communicating with others, I’m happy to be by phone. I don’t want to hold this up.

The thing I want to stress and we talked about, you made mention and let me move through some of the wording that you used. I call them metrics, but you talked about things like benchmarks, right in terms of, I don’t think you used the word benchmark but I’ll call them benchmarks, in terms of socialization, health of animals. The outreach to the community. Of course we don’t want to be heavy handed and sort of punish folks, but I also think that we need an educational component because we’re going to continue to see these things where people are not sterilizing, right their animals and I want to see in terms of if we move forward some sort of benchmark and I would encourage the community, the Zero in Seven, I know you all meet, you meet regularly. I think this would be a great opportunity to look at training and capacity building. How are we going to get our community behind this in terms of reducing the pet population because it’s all of our responsibility, a shared responsibility so I’d like to see some metrics if we move forward in terms of how collectively we’re going to work in terms of reducing the pet population and pregnant mommas. We have to do something and so I know that there are efforts already underway and have continued over time and that might mean a solid, looking at Wilson Binkley and advertising and those. But being in the school, and I mean at the lowest levels, elementary schools, talking to kids, that’s where they’re going to learn and then bringing it to their parents about "Momma not okay, right we’ve got to get them spayed and neutered" and those kinds of things. So please from the bottom of my heart I appreciate what you’re doing. I’ve always appreciate it. When you see a need you’re a go-getter. Like everybody in this room and so I appreciate you’re efforts.

Barker: Thank you. I just want to address two quick issues. I appreciate you looking at sole source. This is, if there was a case for sole source, this is the case for it. There is nobody that will have done what I just did. There’s nobody that would sign a lease, open a facility, staff it out of their own pocket, have 20 hours and 650 volunteer hours. I didn’t do it alone. I did it because the transport program is life saving and I’m telling you that if
we stop this, we don't have a safe way, whether it's not me, we don't have a safe way to protect these moms and babies, so that the receivers are getting quality product, you have no transport program because they're not going to take them from here and that's really serious and I'm sorry to say it in such strong terms, but I moved aggressively to protect the product that we were sending to Colorado Puppy Rescue because it will be a very bad black mark on them if they continue to get sick puppies from us.

So I don't believe that there's any other source here that would do this. Secondly, it isn't a rescue. That's the important thing that I think that people haven't looked at. This isn't a rescue operation. This is revenue neutral. It does not, our receivers do not pay us to take our animals. If we don't send to them, they'll take from some place else. Unfortunately in New Mexico and many other places there's no shortage. So if it's not us it's somebody else and if a program like this, even if it isn't Last Litter, if a program like this doesn't exist, we will go back to exactly what Clint was dealing with before, boxes of puppies coming in the door just being told "Here, there are 10 puppies here. I don't want them any more." And he doesn't have the resources for them either. So I recognize that budget may be an issue, but I do think that there's the other side of the budget that says they're coming in your door anyways and whether that number is an operating agreement with a group like Last Litter or in a program like Last Litter, the cost at the shelter I would probably make a case that the cost at the shelter is at least twice of what I just told you because I don't know. I've said to Clint "I don't know how you took care of these puppies." And he openly said to me "We didn't. We couldn't." This is a high volume shelter. So I think it's important not to look at this like it's a rescue project that somebody, that another rescue is going to say "Here let me create this pilot project for you and take any intake that comes into the shelter, we will take it." I don't believe anybody's going to do that. I do think that it's ground breaking and when groups like Maddie's Fund and Best Friends want to look at it and see how they could help us make it better for other communities, and of course for our own community, I think that's a benefit. So I thank you so much for the extra time you gave me today and for the appreciation because the team's worked really hard to make this happen.

Gandara: Thank you Kelly.

Barker: Thank you.

Gandara: Yes, Co-Chair Williams.

Williams: Thank you. I just want to say Kelly that I do think that there's a sole source way to proceed, if this is legal, and that's what we have to find out. We have to find out from the procurement side and we have to find out from the legal side. Clint in his masterful efficiency has already fired off an
e-mail to the Executive Committee and the attorney, so the process is underway to do the review. And we'll get it done as quickly as possible and see where we can go from there.

Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams.

Garrett: Madam Chair. If I could just …

Gandara: Yes. Board Member Garrett.

Garrett: I think some of the comments that we've had as we've wrapped up and just generally in response to the proposal, are illustrative of an issue that the Board is going to have to deal with and that I think is going to be at the heart of whether or not we can or should do sole source. And that has to do with the scope. Let me just say that we can look at this as a whole initiative that has to do with spay and neuter reducing animals having unwanted litters and educating the public and so forth. That's what a lot of groups are working on. That's what the Shelter's working on. And I think if we open it up too broadly that in fact there are legitimately a lot of groups that would say "Well wait a minute we can do that, or we could do that in combo with somebody else." I want to say that I think that, and a very important part of this, both in terms of taking public money and directing it to a particular nonprofit, what's driving my interest in this right now is the fact that we have a distemper outbreak at the shelter and that is potentially affecting one of the major ways we have of reducing our euthanasia and that's through transfers. That's really narrowing the scope of that and saying that until we're able to bring the distemper outbreak under control, that we need to have a way of dealing with a particular part of the population because there are a number of things that Mr. Thacker has outlined that are important in terms of dealing with the distemper situation. And we need to be able to do all of those. This is a part of that and if he feels that this is a very important part of that, then we need to hear that. But I think narrowing the scope and keeping it very tight, and quite honestly the fact that there's been money put out, that there's a facility that's been leased, many of our organizations have already done that too, so the unique thing here that makes this potentially a sole source is dealing with an emergency condition at the shelter that has to do with being able to have animals that are in good shape for transfer and of finding a way to very efficiently and effectively deal with that and consequently reduce the population at the shelter. I'm just suggesting we can narrow and tighten that up and that'll keep us out of a lot of other issues that we might get into.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Agreed. Okay.

VI. Action Items
A. Resolution 2018-22: Amend the Adopted FY19 Budget Allowing a Carry-Over Budget for Expenditures From FY18 For the Capital Fund (7441)

B. Resolution 2018-23: Accept a $20,000 PetSmart Grant for Funds Associated with the Transportation of Animals.

C. Resolution 2018-24: Accept the Tomahawk Live Traps

Gandara: We’re on the action items, A, Resolution 2018-22, amend the adopted Fiscal Year ’19 budget allowing a carry-over budget for expenditures from Fiscal Year ’18 for the Capital Fund (7441). Can I get a motion?

Williams: Madam Chair.

Gandara: Yes.

Williams: May I make a motion for all three items, unless there is some objection from the Board?

Eakman: I would second that.

Gandara: Okay. Motion made to include all three in terms of approval, made by Co-Chair Williams, second by Board Member Eakman. Public input for each three, A, B, and C. Is there any public input for A, B, and C, the resolutions A, B, and C? No. Okay. Poll the Board please.

Baum: Board Member Eakman.

Eakman: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Garrett.

Garrett: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Smith.

Smith: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Williams.

Williams: Yes.

Baum: Chairperson Gandara.
Gandara: Yes. Thank you. All three resolutions pass. Thank you.

VII. PUBLIC INPUT

Gandara: Now onto public input. Is there anybody that would like to give public input? I'll start to my left. Okay. Three minutes Jean please. Anybody else, if you'd like to please move down to the first few rows that would be appreciative, so we can get through this.

Gilbert: I just have a quick question for, I'll direct it to Jess. Jess you said there've been 163 cat adoptions. Can you tell us what the timeframe is please?

Williams: That's over a six-year period.

Gilbert: Okay. Thank you very much. And I just want to say that I, and I've heard all of you say pretty much, what I'm going to ask is that you look at workarounds as it relates to the Last Litter Inn. Thank you for all the consideration on that program.


Baker: Hi, my name is Carla Baker. I'm the Director of Cherished K-9 All Breed Rescue. I'd like to do a little bit of public input in regards to the proposal that Kelly just made. First of all I want to back up. There are several rescues in this community as Jean pointed out and I don't think you guys are really aware of the points of what everybody does. And I'm just going to focus on mine really fast. We're an off the street rescue. We right now have a population borderlining around 100 dogs that're fostered everywhere from El Paso to Radium springs. We've got them all over the place. We take in a ton of mommas. We've taken, there for a few months we were taking pregnant mommas all the time from the shelter that were getting pregnant at the shelter. In December I think we had 48 puppies born from dogs we pulled off the streets and out of the shelter. We are taking in these too. We've never asked for a dime. We are also securing these dogs in homes. We've paid every little, from every medical bill to every supply they've needed, we go off of grants or donations. I'd like to see Kelly get grants. She keeps talking about Maddie's Fund and Best Friends and how they're in support of it. I'd like to see her actually do like the rest of the rescues in this community do and we have to get our own source of income versus going to the City and County. We have, gosh every day I get calls to take litters. We take litters all the time. I mean and the same thing, we are taking them, we're either sending them off to other rescues out of our community or we're sending them, we're rehoming them. But my big point is that I just want to point out that this is happening and then when she was pointing out her medical bills, you know there's a dog we took in last week, actually a couple weeks ago, we intercepted it.
They'd already called Animal Control. We swooped in and got it before Animal Control got there. She'd been run over. She had a fractured tibia, fibula, femur, and three fractures of her pelvis. The shelter never saw that dog. She would've probably been killed at the shelter. She's a little four-month-old puppy. We've got her. We've seen orthopedics. She's being treated.

My point is, is we're getting our own funding and so is every other rescue in this community and I believe that Kelly should also be required to get her own funding. You know she talked about putting the money toward herself. She went to the Coalition and got the money for the rent for the facility and I just wanted it to be out there that the rest of us are busting butt. I mean I personally put in 12, I have a job too but I work for myself so I'm flexible. I put in 12 to 18 hours a day and I've been doing this year round for years. This is for this community. We don't get paid to take in these dogs. We don't pay for the dogs we take in. I just want you guys to be aware that she's not alone in this. We're all doing this. There are a lot of rescues doing this and you guys aren't paying us to do this, so I want you guys to be aware of the big picture also before you jump on the bandwagon that that's the only rescue.

Williams: Thank you.


VIII. CHAIR AND BOARD COMMENTS

Gandara: Chair and Board comments. We'll start with Co-Chair Williams.

Williams: Well the first thing I want to do is thank everybody who came here today and everybody who's watching for the community's coordinated support for the GO Bond. That's going to be a major quality of life issue for this community and thank you to everybody who voted in favor of that. And we've certainly got our work cut for us to make that happen and make sure that the new facility meets our needs and the community's needs going forward. Also just want to thank everybody who presented today and who talked to us about the great things that are happening in our community. This is a team effort and it's great to see the team come together. Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. Board Member Smith.

Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. Just two things very quickly. One, there's been a great deal of mention about the dog park and I know that at one point we had talked about possibly combining that with a dog walking area at the Animal Services Center since that is property the City already owns and I know there are other locations where this might happen, but I would hope
that that could still be part of the consideration I often refer to. The other
thing is that in Santa Fe they have a huge dog park where dogs can run
and romp and socialize and it's on an old landfill, so that's a reuse of
property that the City might've had a hard time doing something else with
there and I think that also, which of course where the Animal Services
Center is not a landfill, but another consideration if it's not to be at the
Animal Services Center.

The other thing is that we had talked previously about the possibility
of taking on a pet cemetery. Recently last week I was at the New Mexico
Municipal League Conference in Roswell and one of the mayors there
said "You know if anybody every comes to you and wants to offer you a
municipal cemetery, don't do it." So I was like well we haven't had that
offer but we have had a pet cemetery and I suspect some of the same
pitfalls might be involved there, so I know we're continuing to discuss or
consider perhaps what might be the best thing to do there, but I do think
we also need to look very carefully at what some of the downsides might
be. Thank you Madam Chair.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Board Member Garrett.

Garrett: Thank you all for being here. We had a good discussion and I look
forward to getting the information back relative to the proposal that's been
made by Kelly. Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Board Member Eakman.

Eakman: Thank you Madam Chair. I want to thank the other members of the Board
for moving this meeting one week earlier than scheduled. That allows us
to attend a very important seminar next week and that's excellent.

I have one request and it would be for the Executive Committee to
consider, there are reports of immunosuppressed individuals dying from
dog bites of healthy animals because these gram negative rods are just
natural inside animals and so people who are immunosuppressed are
falling victim to these things. I wonder if we could have a presentation on
that from an infectious control nurse or an infectious control doctor so that
we can really get this thing into the proper perspective. It's probably a
very small portion of our population and I'm very concerned that they
deserve protection and I know if I was immunosuppressed I would
overreact to a dog being around me. I'd act exactly wrong when being
approached by an animal. And so I think if we had some education on
that we could better guide our pet owners and maybe give some advice to
the public on this very important issue. It's becoming more and more
prominent. So I'd appreciate that being considered. Thank you.

Gandara: Board Member Garrett.
Garrett: Madam Chair. There was one other thing I wanted to mention and I'd forgotten, I want to commend Mr. Thacker for the leadership that he's been showing dealing with the distemper outbreak at the shelter. Something that I've advocated is that we have regular and timely press information out there. I think that I look at this much as one might consider sort of an emergency event and there are protocols for how the press is informed and how the public gets information. I think that it is important that we recognize that we have a leader in place who is dealing with the situation and that's Mr. Thacker. I personally support you and the work that you and your team are doing. We need to have that in order for the response to the situation to be orderly, as efficient as possible, and actually as quickly done as possible. But I think that it's reasonable for the public to have questions about "Well what's coming and what's been considered, and what's the status?" This is sort of between the posting of the data on a daily basis and maybe the monthly reports that we get about what's going on at the shelter. It's clear you have a plan and I think that we need to make sure that everyone understands what that plan is and then how individual elements are working out and if there are changes that need to be made and so forth. So the work on the HVAC system is a component of that; having animals transferred out so you've got a kennel that aerated that can be cleaned and I think, the snake sounds a little weird to me but I think the idea of how you have an orderly way of moving animals into the population and so forth. I think those are all important things for the people to understand to build confidence and trust in the shelter and the way that it's operating in dealing with this problem. Thank you. I just want to encourage more public information be released and through a variety of media. Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Yes Co-Chair Williams.

Williams: First to Board Member Eakman, I can certainly reach out to my colleague at the Department of Health to see whether they have an expert who can make a presentation to the Board. And second to Board Member Garrett, Mr. Thacker's been working with me to get those press releases out. When they go through my office they are going to all regional media, so it's a very wide distribution net.

Gandara: Board Member Garrett.

Garrett: If I could, and then I appreciate the written pieces. I think that every so often having a show and tell, having something that's a photograph, having something that potentially is a video for TV, I would get as many ways of getting people out. This is a critical issue for the shelter and I think we need to make sure that everybody understands how it's being handled. That's all. Thanks.
Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett and much appreciated. I think we are working pretty diligently to ensure that we have lots of different venues where the information is coming out. I see a lot with Facebook and KVIA and that the daily Facebook accounts are really important, but I’d like to see a weekly PIO about progress in those areas in terms of facility, the HVAC, the transports, how we’re seeing our pet population being moved in that snake pattern if you will. I think that is really important, because people are looking, I know, I’m seeing it on Facebook. I’m getting feedback from folks and the more information out there the better I would think. So thank you. And thank you Clint and Dr. Susan and your staff, Bernice, Paul, everybody. I know how difficult this must be, very challenging, but I appreciate all your work. Thank you.

IX. Adjournment (11:28 AM)

Gandara: And so can we get a motion to adjourn.

Williams: So moved.

Garrett: Second.

Gandara: Thank you. We’re adjourned.

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ANIMAL SERVICE CENTER OF MESILLA VALLEY
WORK SESSION

October 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
  Kasandra Gandara - Chair
  Jess C. Williams - Vice-Chair
  Jack Eakman - Board Member
  Billy Garrett - Board Member (arrived 1:05)
  Gregory Z. Smith - Board Member
  David Dollahon - Ex-Officio Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
  Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member

I. Call to Order (1:02 PM)

Gandara: Good afternoon everybody. Let's go ahead and being. It's one o'clock. We're here at the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley Board of Directors meeting. This is a special meeting but it's a work session, so Robert's Rules will apply. I'm going to ask that when you speak that you say your name first and last because we're not at chambers and livestreaming. We want to make sure Becky can get the names and the notes and such so that we have it on record.

Okay today is October 5th. We begin at 1:00. I'd like for us to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. Your flag is in the back.

ALL STAND FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANC.

II. Roll Call

Gandara: Becky, will you call the roll.

Baum: Certainly. Board Member Dollahon.

Dollahon: Here.

Baum: Board Member Gonzalez is absent. Board Member Eakman.

Eakman: Here.

Baum: Board Member Garrett is absent. Board Member Smith.

Smith: Here.
Baum: Board Member Gandara.

Gandara: Here.

Baum: And Board Member Williams.

Williams: I'm here.

Gandara: Okay. I noticed that the kind doctor is here today and I just want to say congratulations for passing your tests. We're very excited and I'd like to just give you a round of applause. I know that's not easy. I'm so proud of you, so congratulations.

III. Discussion Item - Last Litter Program

Gandara: Okay. Next on our agenda is the Last Litter Program. Okay.

Williams: Madam Chair. At our last regular meeting I had requested that we find out, that we get input from Board Member Dollahon and the Board's attorney, Mr. Young, to determine whether there would be any procurement and/or legal issues pertaining to this proposal. And since they're both here I would ask that we hear from them at this time. Let's let Mr. Young go first so Mr. Dollahon can finish lunch.

Gandara: Okay, Mr. Young.

Young: It's good to be here. So the query to me was related to procurement issues and other legal issues involved with the proposal as we've received. I've received an e-mail proposal from Ms. Barker. What we have here, it's not a contract that would be in executable form, so that would be something that would have to be put together and drafted. But at the same time there are several hurdles that would have to be overcome. What we have right now is not something that I would be able to advise the Board that it could be executed. There are procurement issues. The procurement code requires generally speaking when you ask for services that there be a bid for proposals so that other members of the community who are able or willing to offer similar services, can provide competitive bids. I don't know enough about, and I don't believe enough information has been provided to the Board to be able to say as a matter of fact that no other similar service in this community would be able to offer a similar program. That would be something that would have to be published. There are exceptions in the procurement code when you're dealing with financial, if a program is less than $60,000, then you can get into certain exceptions, but in order to do that it has to be either a small purchase, an emergency procurement, or a sole-source, and that still puts
a burden on the Board to inquire within the community about are there other entities available to do this kind of service. If the Board failed to do that, and failed to make a good faith effort which is one of the reasons why we’re here today to have other folks who are interested in these issues, to speak up and tell us whether or not they are capable of providing the same service and able to competitively bid against what’s been offered in this proposal.

So as it currently stands, the Board would not be able to execute it without violating procurement code. The other issue too is we’d have to deal with some budget adjustments as well because we’re in the middle of the fiscal year, the budget was created earlier this year and runs through the end of June. So anything that would be proposed, it’s my understanding that the proposal right now is for $7,000 a month for the next three or four months, but that would still be something that hasn’t been originally budgeted for, so it would be a process of amending the budget, of doing a line item adjustment in order to do that. So as it stands currently, this proposal would not be able to be executed currently without doing the work of going to the community and seeing if there are others who are willing to do that and then at the same time if it’s something that is in the best interest of the shelter and the Board is willing to engage in it.

Gandara: Thank you Mr. Young. Any questions/concerns? Yes.

Eakman: If I might. What do we hope to accomplish here at this work session today? I’m wondering what we are here to accomplish today.

Zahler: Would you speak up please so we can all hear you?

Eakman: Yes. I wish we had proper sound in here. I’m wondering what, as a work session of the Board of Directors, what we are here to accomplish today? What is our mission?

Williams: I’m willing to take a shot at it.

Gandara: Go Jess.

Williams: Board Member Eakman. As I understand it our mission here today is to further discuss the proposal that Ms. Barker brought forward to the Board, particularly I’m here to hear from Mr. Dollahon and Mr. Young about whether the Board can legally enter into an agreement of this nature. And so what Mr. Young has told me is very informative, that there may be ways that we can do it, but we’re not there yet. And so I’m still waiting to hear from Mr. Dollahon about whether he has concerns from the City’s procurement side. Once we have heard from both of them and they have answered any questions that the Board or the community might have, then
my goal would be that we seek some sort of consensus either to bring this forward as an action item on a regular meeting agenda or not.

Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. I think that covers really from the meeting prior as you recall or how fully you recall Ms. Barker did a presentation on the Last Litter Program, specifically to address the puppy population.

Smith: Expenses incurred.

Gandara: Expenses incurred, that's true. And the puppy overpopulation really in the center and what to do about it. And so she presented this and a plan of action and then we had some concern about be it that, are we within our right procurement-wise and some of the information we needed to reach out to our attorney, Mr. Young. So that's why they're here present, to give us feedback and then I would agree with Jess that then if we need to move forward that we could do that as an action item next Thursday at our regular scheduled meeting. Anybody else feel like? Yes Billy. And let the record show that Board Member Garrett has joined us.

Garrett: Thank you. My apologies for being a little late. At the last meeting it was clear that there was an ongoing activity that was being pursued, I believe in good faith, and the one that Ms. Barker was working on. We also had in good faith efforts that were going on in the shelter in terms of dealing with the distemper issue and figuring out what the best way was to deal with that. I believe that the Board felt a sense of urgency because there was both I think real concern about what was happening at the shelter and there was support for the Last Litter Program. And I was worried about incurring additional debt if you will and expectations that were being raised. So we talked about as soon as we had the information that we needed to have a meeting to get this out clear in the community. So it's not to make the decision today, as a work session we can't do that, but I think that to the extent that Ms. Barker is engaged in something that is incurring costs, she needs to know if we've got legal and financial issues we've got to deal with. She's got to be able to make adjustments. And I think the community needs to understand what that is as well and why. So I think this is as good as we can get in terms of getting this information out so everybody can see it as soon as it was really ready to be brought out. The only other thing I would just underscore and I've said this to Mr. Thacker. I think I've conveyed this to the Chair, is that I wanted to make sure that whatever programs we were pursuing that had to do with if you will diverting animals from going into the shelter, that that in fact was something that Mr. Thacker felt was essential in terms of his management of the shelter. He's our employee. We're responsible for the shelter, but he's the guy that we work with and he's our professional. So I think it's critical that we understood where we were going to be in terms of dealing with the medical health issues that we were having and how that related to
any change in the way that we were going to relate to outside groups helping the shelter. So that was an important factor as far as I was concerned. Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Anybody else? Okay. Board Member Dollahon.

Dollahon: Madam Chair, Members of the Committee. There's one item that we need to be clear of under New Mexico law first and foremost. There's an attorney general opinion that we cannot pay for any activities conducted in arrears without being under a contract. So you can't pay for anything performed by anyone else that has not been properly procured and properly contracted. So there is no going back. There is only going forward. So that's first and foremost and representing the City as your fiscal agent, that is something that we never do. Clearly never do.

From a procurement standpoint, how it works depending on the needs of the identifying department, and in this case I'll refer to it as Animal Service Center being the department, they have to identify what their needs are as part of the procurement process and then there is a myriad of ways that you can procure that. If you're generally talking about procuring a service that is not necessarily can be accomplished a multitude of ways; architects, engineers, they all work, those are done through a Request For Proposal process. There are small scale Requests For Proposals and there are larger scale Requests For Proposals, but the larger scale we have a detailed administrative process. On the smaller scale projects they're administered in coordination with the purchasing department and the user department. In this instance, Animal Service Center. They have to define what their need is and how they would like to see that service accomplished through a Request For Proposal process. Then it's put out for a certain period of time. The department could potentially identify potential services providers that may be interested in bidding and there maybe more than one. There may be, I'll use engineers as an example, there may be hundreds of engineers versus where you might have a pest control company where you have only three or four that, depends on the service and the nature of what you're looking for. The user department along with our purchasing department would identify potential people or companies that would be interested in responding to a proposal. That's a written formal proposal. Comes in by the deadline. If you miss the deadline you're excluded. Then depending on the scale of it, it's evaluated through one of two processes.

I'm going to pick $60,000 as our threshold. If you're talking about less than $60,000 that's evaluated by a committee made up of staff and it could be staff from Animal Service Center, it could be also other City staff from other departments. You could look at City Animal Control, you could also look at County Animal Control to give you an evaluation committee. That evaluation committee then evaluates all those proposals and then
that committee makes a recommendation on the top performing service provider, and then from there it's a matter of negotiations. And we can negotiate a contract. The reason we do the request for proposal is because it gives you that avenue of negotiations. Because there maybe parts of the proposal that you don't like or you don't want the proposer to provide that service, because you're saying "Well I don't need it at that scale. That's not exactly that we're looking for," but it gives you an opportunity for negotiating. If negotiations fall through on the first one, you go to the second ranking proposal. That's it in the simplest form and then you take an item forward, once you have a negotiated contract, to the Board to authorize an award of a contract. Unless it's already budgeted and it's already planned for and within Mr. Thacker's authority to execute that contract. I don't know that this contract or the thought of a contract of this nature was planned as part of our budgeting process specifically this year. I don't believe it was. Because sometimes, I'll give you an example. We planned and budgeted to buy new vehicles. It was budgeted for, it was included in the budget, Clint works through the process with our purchasing and fleet office to identify his needs and he buys a new vehicle. That does not need to come back to the Board for authorization.

But if it wasn't, I'll use another example. We plan to buy medicine, without question, we plan to buy veterinarian medicine. That is within Clint's authority to execute any necessary contracts to purchase what medicine he needs to. He should be working with our purchasing office and I know that they do, to identify the best price for us to buy medicine. That is a planned purchase. If it was not a planned purchase, then the Board needs to give authorization both budgetarily, where are we finding the money to pay for it from? Are we cutting money from one spot to pay for another spot, to pay for this service or not, and then it's an authorization to execute the contract.

So I would argue that where we are is if there is a need within the shelter for these types of services that we would be going out through a Request For Proposal process. And telling the community, the service providers, this is what we're looking for, how can you perform that and at what cost will it come to the Animal Service Center. Once we get those prices in, then we can also look at the budget at the same time. That's purchasing in its simplest form. It's not always that easy.

The other thing is, Mr. Young talked about sole source provider. Sole source provider is not something that we do regularly. There is a justification process that we have to go through for sole sourcing. You could end up in a sole source situation because you've gone through a request for proposal process and only one person or company responded to that. Generally what we do, we treat that not as a sole source, as a single source provider, and we make outreach to the other people that we asked to submit proposals on. Is there a reason that they didn't do it? They share with us why. I've had companies who say "We're too busy. We have too much work. We weren't going to bid on your project. Thank
you but no thank you." We've had companies that we've made outreach
to who've said "That's not what we do." It was a misunderstanding. We
thought they did something else. So we have asked for documentation
from those people who decided not to, if they will share, why they're not
bidding or proposing on our projects. That is something that is handled
administrative and that gets us to avoiding a sole source situation. I don't
think we're in a sole source situation at this point because I believe there
are potentially other providers out there who may have interest and ability
to provide this service, but without going through that, I don't know.

I will give you a better example of a sole source provider. We buy a
piece of equipment a long time ago for a utility pump well. We bought all
of those for that well and they have an exclusive pattern on this piece of
equipment for 20 years. And a piece of equipment or a portion of that
equipment breaks and we have to go back to that provider to buy that
piece of equipment. That is a true sole source situation. And that we
clearly understand. But we're talking about a service function. There are
a multitude, not necessarily here locally, there are a multitude of potential
service providers who could provide any type of service that we may be
willing to entertain as we go through this process.

Unfortunately, I missed the last meeting and the discussion at the
last meeting, so sorry about that, but that's procurement RPF process 101
in the simplest form. Our City procurement code is 29 pages long. It's not
the most exciting read. We have a staff of six dedicated to managing that
process, so I've given you the CliffsNotes version. It all starts with a need
from the department or the shelter to identify how to address a need.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Dollahon. Mr. Thacker.

Thacker: Yes ma'am.

Gandara: Do you have some input for us?

Thacker: So I would agree with what our attorney, Mr. Young, has said about
having to follow those correct procedures, get a contract and then
(inaudible). The question about whether we need it right now, that Mr.
Dollahon said is currently with our change in protocols and speaking with
our doctor, we believe that we do not need this separate housing. We do
need the facility, the animals to be moving and transport the animals out
because we're all about live animals, but we do not need a separate
facility to have those animals placed. We believe that our animals, we can
have a healthy animal, especially the puppies, to be able to transfer out to
Colorado Puppy Rescue like we're doing now. There's no longer that
need to have that safe space like we needed when we were having the
distemper issue. That issue is under control. We believe that we're
delivering healthy animals to those destinations.
Gandara: So I have a question for you Mr. Thacker. In terms of your puppy population do you know what that is and are you keeping data?

Thacker: Upwards of about three months ago I would have to say no, we did not, because we were not putting ages in our records systems. We were doing you know you might say for six months and younger be a puppy, older be adult, but now we're aging animals upon intake, so we have some months of data, but not a lot. That's one of the ones when we came in and started changing out our system, or changing how we handle our computer system, putting those pages in.

Gandara: Okay. And so you're collecting the information now to be able to have some data.

Thacker: Yes.

Gandara: Okay. How many puppies would you say the last six months you've delivered out? I know that's a loaded question.

Thacker: I don't know. I'd have to get back to you on that.

Gandara: So the point is you haven't collected that data but now you're collecting it so that if it ever became emergent or an emergency situation you could determine what the need is easily?

Thacker: Yes.

Gandara: Okay. My other question is, you had made mention about distemper and it being under control. Can you talk to me about how that relates to you said the healthy puppies being delivered out?

Thacker: So how does distemper relate to the healthy puppies?

Gandara: Okay. My other question is, you had made mention about distemper and it being under control. Can you talk to me about how that relates to you said the healthy puppies being delivered out?

Thacker: So how does distemper relate to the healthy puppies?

Gandara: Well during that issue where we were having to, very concerned about the puppies, right, distemper. I just want to make sure that public is clear about what the status is in the center today as it relates to that and puppies.

Thacker: Okay. So the Colorado Puppy Rescue who's taking these puppies were really worried about the quality of health of the puppies coming in. So they stated that they really wanted the animals somewhere else besides at the facility or at the center, so there's that risk, puppies are the most vulnerable to diseases and so they wanted to have them somewhere else which where Kelly's place came in so nicely is that they could go there straight, they didn't have to come to the shelter. I think that's really where
all of this came to birth into an idea is having, not even coming to the shelter, going straight to the facility (inaudible) disease isn't there. Now we have a change of protocols in a way that we're able to pinpoint diseases of where they started the way they come in and if I'd like to defer to our Medical Director. She knows all the big words that she can impress you with to better explain it.

Gandara: Dr. Susan.

Baez: So everybody can understand what is the difference from before and now because if you were out in the community you'd say "What changed?" Right? The biggest problem that we had before was our impound area. The impound area was ...

Williams: Susan, I see people leaning forward can you speak up?

Garrett: Maybe stand.

Gandara: Maybe stand would be good. Yes. There you go.

Baez: So before our impound area had a completely different site. It was in a place where kennels had to be stacked. So unfortunately because of the volume and the cages, we had to put puppies up and down which is one of the worst things we could have had. If a puppy breaks down that was incubating either a parvovirus, distemper virus, or any other disease, when you clean that cage it's going to fall, right. Before Best Friends came and Austin Pets Alive came to help us, we couldn't find a place or move quick enough to change the situation. Now our impound area completely changed. Our vaccination protocol completely changed. How the staff handles these animals changed. So now our impound area is no longer there. Everything got moved into a different location where no puppies are stacked, where no puppies are next to each other. So we have a single room where we put puppy, adult, puppy, adult, puppy, adult. In the case that a puppy breaks with parvo, less likely that's going to be transferred to an adult, right. Also whenever an ACO brings an animal, that animal is going to get vaccinated right away, making sure that this puppy has enough protection to battle the diseases. If a puppy comes in sick, it gets deferred. It's not placed in the impound area. It gets placed in isolation so we can treat him.

Another thing that changed is that we're no long accepting dogs in the lobby which was a big issue. We had someone that wanted to relinquish a mom with 10 puppies and that mom with the 10 puppies was sitting next to a dog that had parvo and spread it all over the lobby. So that is why our policy, if you went to the shelter, we have notifications for the public saying "No dogs are allowed in." And this is because of that problem. We were getting dogs that were sick or distemper which is
airborne and it would get already exposed dog population and when we let
those puppies in there's where the problem was. So all of that changed.
No longer dogs are being, whenever the ACOs bring the dogs after hours,
they're not being housed with the population that's already vaccinated and
inside the shelter. Those dogs are being placed in different cages where
they get vaccinated the morning as at first hour and then when everything
is cleaned, they get moved in. So its way better protocols and flow of
animals that we didn't have before. Now the staff was explained how to
recognize the clinical signs and either myself or one of the technicians
gets called, we evaluate the puppies or the adult dogs in a case and we
decide where these dogs are going to be placed. So that is a huge
difference. It sounds like nothing, but a lot of time was invested in this and
we are seeing that it works.

Thacker: And it's also not new. Several shelters, this is what these people do from
Austin Pets Alive, when Best Friends came in, gave us the best practices
and this is what they're following in many shelters throughout the country.

Gandara: Thank you Mr. Thacker and Dr. Susan. Do you have something else?

Baez: Just to add. Since we started this (inaudible) we haven't had an active
case of distemper showing neurological signs, and those dogs that have
been showing respiratory signs are responding to the treatment in a short
time.

Gandara: Good. Any questions for the two? Board Member Garrett.

Garrett: Yes, thank you. Based on the new protocols, are we ready to start
transferring large numbers of puppies to Colorado and anywhere else that
will take them? What's needed now in terms of?

Baez: So the last contact that I have was with Halo, I e- mailed them, Paul and I
have been in touch with them and ideally we would be sending the new
population of dogs that we have. Of course, because we stopped all
transfers and everything while we clear this up, now those dogs that didn't
have distemper or that they did but it stopped at the respiratory state, we
still have that population which my plan for it is those dogs that responded
to the treatment, adopted to the community, that way if any clinical signs
relapse, I'm there to treat it. In the new population we don't want to be
sending out.

Thacker: So yes, we are sending out transports again. We also reached out to just
last week to Colorado Puppy Rescue as well, letting her know that we are
ready to continue to do it and she was excited to hear that as well.
Garrett: So is it fair to say we're in a new normal? What I mean by that is that we got to the no-kill number for a month or so.

Thacker: Oh several months. Come on Commissioner, it was several months.

Garrett: All right. And I was very happy with that. But we got there and it's been a combination of factors in terms, that we've been working on and a big part of that was that we were transferring out large numbers of animals. And I think that making sure that we have the credibility and the trust of those entities that we're transferring to, is really important in terms of the new normal. We've got, we faced a critical medical issue in the shelter. And then I think from all your reports it sounds like we've got a handle on that. We're moving in new direction, and we're better. You know we've gotten better in terms of best practices for that and that's really important. But we've got to be able to get to that point where we're also being able to transfer out. So we are close to that or we have started that?

Thacker: Yes.

Garrett: Okay.

Thacker: We've already made transports. We did one to Halo two weeks ago, and then we've also made some trips to Albuquerque as well.

Garrett: Okay.

Thacker: So it's back up and going.

Garrett: Okay.

Thacker: And also of note is we have a great relationship with our rescues because they're the ones who told us that the animals were provided to them were coming down with clinical signs of distemper. So that's the relationship we have and for them still to want us to continue to rescue with us shows the great relationship we have with them.

Garrett: So just to make a very clear point I guess, we no longer are in a situation where we need to divert the puppies from coming in to the shelter?

Thacker: Correct.

Garrett: You know I mean it doesn't mean that we don't want that to happen as much as possible with the community groups and so forth, I'm not saying that. I'm just saying in terms of the way the shelter operates, we're not in a position now where the dynamics of dealing with an illness, disease in the shelter and all of that kind of thing created extra stress on the system,
and that stress, we’re now at a position where we can go back and that’s why I called it a new normal, where we still have all of the other groups doing their thing and helping with foster and rescue and transfers and all that kind of stuff, but we don’t need a special situation as we were looking at in terms of not having the puppies go in.

Thacker: Correct. We don’t need that safe place as we refer to it.

Garrett: Right. Okay. I think that’s important for us to hear.

Gandara: Board Member Smith.

Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. And I just want to thank Kelly Barker. I think ever since you’ve arrived in Las Cruces you’ve been intimately and actively involved in helping us make a better situation for our animals here and I think the situation that came up that you helped out with when we had the distemper issue at the shelter is one where you basically stepped up and helped in a way that was critically important. So I want to be sure that we’re expressing that and you’re hearing it. I also am sorry that that ended up putting a financial burden on you and those who’ve been supporting what you’re doing. I think what we’re hearing today is that we can’t retroactively come back and help you with that difficulty.

On the other hand I think that what you’re doing, and continue to do, and you keep coming up with different ways to help out, I think that’s very very much appreciated, is that we need to then coordinate how we continue to make that work with both your organization and the other organizations that are making a difference here so that we can adequately, when possible and when appropriate, compensate, you know because an RPF has been done or because that kind of agreement has been made in advance so that that kind of thing is working. But I just wanted to be sure you understood how much that is appreciated and how helpful that has been, and how frankly the way that you continue to be innovative in your thinking and that is the sort of thing that I think is going to help us get to an even better place as we move forward, as we get a new facility, and as we do these things, it’s going to help us make this whole community work together in a way that we will reduce the number of animals coming. We will reduce the number of animals that have to be killed. And we will increase the number of happy homes enjoying happy animals. So thank you.

Barker: You’re welcome.

Gandara: Board Member Dollahon.

Dollahon: Madam Chair. I agree with Board Member Smith and everyone else’s comments today. I think we do at the Animal Service Center, GO Bond
process is underway. We have a plan. We have met with staff. Bernice
and Clint were at a meeting this week to better understand the process
that's going to involve for the procurement, for the construction of a new
shelter on the site. One of the things I think we need to have staff look at
is, are emergency protocols in place for emergency overflow situations or
medication situations such as this because we never know when our
protocols are still going to work and it's going to be (inaudible). Are there
procurement opportunities that we should be evaluating now as part of
that or in cooperation with the County? I know when we were cleaning the
building, the County stepped up and helped us move out to the
fairgrounds. Is that an appropriate avenue and venue for our secondary,
and should we have agreements in place? I don't want to speak for the
County or the fairgrounds, it's not always used all the time, like a police
station or a county government building or other places, but should we
have those mechanisms in place now as our fall back measures. And we
may also need to, if the County or the City or somebody else can't provide
us with that space, we may want to look at having a standby contract or
provider that has a space that we can fall back to where we're not having
this discussion in the future that we have something in place. They're not
getting paid unless we use them, but they know that we could be calling
on them to use their facility if things go desperate. So I think we do need
to evaluate that process.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member. I see you but I'm not ready for public comment
yet. Give me a moment. Anybody else? Wait Marilyn. It's still a work
session and I'm going to give you time, I promise.

Zahler: All right. But I've got to leave in a little while.


Barker: I just want to first of all thank you for the opportunity. This is incredible to
be able to bring the program. I wanted to answer your question. You
asked about how many puppies. Oddly enough there's a typo in my
document. We have been running the puppy program for exactly one
year. I have done sole logistics on that. Colorado Puppy Rescue is my
contract. They are taking from me. If I'm getting them from the shelter,
that's fine. If I'm getting them from Deming, El Paso, or any place else,
they don't care because it's my contract. I don't get paid for it. She does
support us in donations, but what she is all about, Kim is her name, she's
the CEO of Colorado Puppy Rescue, this is part of her mission is to pull
from areas that are in desperate need. She's very successful. She's been
running Colorado Puppy Rescue for 25 years. When she lost 13 puppies
on our July transport and the Colorado Veterinary Board Inspector told her
to euthanize the entire load, that's 38 puppies. She stood her ground and
said no. So she's valuable and very valuable to this community because
there hasn't been another place that I'm seeing that could take the type of quantity we take, so in exactly one year we have transferred, including the 20 I just did last week, 979 puppies. Now that is not everything that came into the shelter certainly and not every one of those ran through the shelter's front door. And the problem is so big that I don't think any of us really have an idea about how to put our hands around it because these puppies are being sold on craigslist, they've been given away to families, and just in the 51 days we've been doing this, the stories that I've seen and the part that we've been a part of tells me that the community, it's not that they're not with us because I think they are, they don't know what to do. There's that part that says having the idea of taking your puppies to the shelter is not a positive experience. I realize this group is changing completely, but that is not a positive outlook. So they start giving them away. They sell them for $25. They do all sorts of stuff like this and my big concern is that they're not fixed, they're not vaccinated. I get, every single day there are multiple people in this room that are on that volunteer team, we get calls and e-mails and messages that says "We've a box of seven puppies dropped in our driveway, can you take them? If you can't they're going to the shelter. And although I recognize that their protocols for cleaning has changed and vaccination has changed, that does zero for me about what walks in that front door. And I have case after case of being called from the shelter, having a mom and nine puppies and we've been at the shelter, we've pulled them out instantly. There are other rescues in this room that have done the same thing. The question is how do you plan that in a business way and not in a "Ohh our hairs on fire, let's run to the shelter and grab these animals."

So Last Litter didn't, it came out of the relationship with Colorado Puppy Rescue. It came out of the fact that she stood her ground and would not euthanize 38 puppies. She lost 13 and we lost 13. And in losing those 13 I think we owe it to ourselves as a community to figure out what's a clear plan. Maybe the clear plan, and I've talked to Clint about it, maybe the clear plan is the shelter has a maternity and a nursery. That's great. I'm not about this needs to be my plan. I'm just saying I saw a need, I saw a problem, I proactively went forward. If you funded it, great, if you decide not to, I'm here to tell you El Paso's already on my door saying "How soon can we send you puppies?" I met with Deming this morning, the same thing "Oh my God we can send you moms and puppies." All around here the problem exists. Now I'm not the proponent that says let's bring in Texas puppies and send them to Colorado, but I do think there's a business solution that has to come forward with this. It's a significant number. I bet the shelter if they had the numbers, I bet the numbers of puppies that went into that shelter could possibly even be twice that number. So I do think that we ought to look at it, whether I'm your provider or not your provider, how the shelter does it, it's real and until we get large volume affordable spay/neuter, and until we get that
message out to every single household about getting their animals fixed and chipped, we're going to have this problem.

So I appreciate that opportunity to talk about it because in 51 days we took in 122 guests, 14 of them were moms, four of those moms went back to their families, which is a big statement that says four people whose dog got pregnant with multiple puppies, they didn't know what to do with them. They trusted us enough that they gave us their mom and their puppies and curtesy of the shelter and the program, the shelter fixed those moms and four of those moms have gone back to their families. As they speak so highly there may even be some people in the room about it, they speak so highly about what that experience was for them and what a win-win. What a win-win for the community. So I appreciate the opportunity to have put it forward. It will continue. There turns out to be a much bigger vision that I didn't know at the time and last week we had 20 puppies on board. I appreciate that the shelter drove those puppies and tomorrow they're all available for adoption and by tomorrow night they'll have homes. That's such a success. So thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Kelly, very much. Any questions for Kelly? Or other questions that? Okay. Public comment. Marilyn. I'm going to give you three minutes and if you could stand that would be great.

Zahler: And I'm going to need more than three minutes.

Gandara: I'm giving you three minutes.

Zahler: Well you can say whatever you want but I'm telling you that I'm here ...

Gandara: Come on Marilyn. Come on, there's a room full of people that probably want to speak. I'm trying to be respectful. Please.

Zahler: When I talk, wait till they hear what I have to say.

Gandara: We are listening.

Zahler: Good. Thank you very much. I'm Marilyn Zahler and I only care about the animals. All right. And I will tell you my discussions with Kelly have been sometimes pretty tough but I will tell you that I think she saved your neck, the Board's neck. Okay, because I was ready to call PETA and I've worked with PETA before, to come in and examine the shelter. You would've been in a lot of trouble as a Board, let me tell you. I've worked with the shelter for 18 years and I'm going to be very critical of some of the statements that were made today. All right, one, all you talked about was a contract. Contract this, contract that. Nobody here mentioned about grants. And Mr. Garrett can attest to the fact that the County gave SNAP different grants over the years and it was for $60,000 a piece for spay and
neuter. They were grants. The City at one time has a grant committee and they used to give grants to animal groups until the board realized, the grant board realized that the grants were for people not for animals, so they had to stop it. All right. There is no reason and I've talked to the lawyer and I've talked to a lot of lawyers in my lifetime, I was a called a pseudo-attorney at one time, that you can go for grants and that doesn't take a contract. I was on a committee with the County and the City years ago when they wanted to look at who they should give the grant to, whether it was DACS, Doña Ana County Animal Group, or to Humane Society of Southern New Mexico. They gave it to DACS and I eventually was appointed chair for a committee that was called For the Love of Animals and got the executive director fired, all right. So I know more about what goes on at that shelter than I think of anybody on this Board. I had said at one time when Beth was there give every Board Member a key so they could go at anytime they wanted and the Board sat there and didn't do anything. I have a question for the Medical Director. Young lady, are you a licensed veterinarian?

Baez: Yes ma'am.

Zahler: You passed the exam?

Baez: Yes ma'am.

Zahler: Congratulations.

Baez: All of them.

Zahler: All right. I checked on that to make sure.

Baez: Yes.

Zahler: Okay. That's great. And so you sign the health certificates?

Baez: No, because I'm getting my USDA accreditation which is completely different.

Zahler: Yes, I know what that is.

Baez: Yes.

Zahler: But somebody has to sign off on the, has to be a licensed vet.

Baez: Dr. Medina. Not a license, an accredited.

Zahler: Accredited. Yes. Well he is.
Baez: Yes ma'am.

Zahler: Okay. That means every animal that leaves that shelter to go to another state has to have a health certificate signed by an accredited vet.

Gandara: Thank you Marilyn.

Zahler: Okay. And I'm going to say one more thing. I'm sorry but it is that I've had problems with this Board since the eight or nine years you've been on and I haven't seen the support that should've been given to the animals. I visited the shelter. Okay, I've been there and I saw four to five dogs in one kennel that was built for one or two dogs. Now that's not good ladies and gentlemen and you should request to go visit. I saw feces in the shelter.

Gandara: Thank you Marilyn. Thank you.

Zahler: See they don't want to hear this. But I'm talking to you. I know a person that worked there for six months and left because she saw Curtis Harring putting in small dogs with the pit bulls and you can guess what happened.

Gandara: Marilyn I'm asking you. You're time is up.

Zahler: I know.

Gandara: I gave you an additional time. Who else would like to?

Zahler: On a City Council and (inaudible).

Gandara: I do have other public comment. Thank you. Thank you Marilyn.

UNKNOWN FEMALE: This is important information.

Gandara: It is but I've given her three minutes. We have a room full of people and they get to have an opportunity to speak solely with me and anyone on the Board and you have public comment on Thursday. And she and I have had these conversations. And I've been as respectful as I can with a room full of people. I very much appreciate. I'm hearing you loud and clear and we go out there often to see it.

Zahler: How many times have you been there?

Gandara: Go ahead. Please stand up and sort of try to face if us.
Gilbert: My name is Jean Gilbert. My concern is, is if the Last Litter Program is not continued and serves the Animal Shelter in some capacity, some way, that our numbers ... I understand that the protocols changed, so there aren't the issues of distemper and parvo, but we still have a capacity issue. And so how are we going to deal with that. And the really strong point with the Last Litter Program is that all of the moms were spayed or have been spayed. And I don't know how that is going to translate taking puppies and moms at the shelter without the Last Litter Program. And so I guess my concern is about numbers and how we're going to be able to reach our no-kill goal.

Gandara: Sure. Thank you Jean.

Gilbert: And if there's something else that's going to be done in its place. Anyway.

Gandara: Billy.

Garrett: Madam Chair. Just as a matter of clarity. You're saying some thing I heard differently and so I'd like to ask Ms. Barker. You're saying you intend to continue the Last Litter Program, is that correct?

Barker: That is correct.

Garrett: Okay. And in order to pull moms and puppies or divert them from the shelter, are you saying in order to do that with our shelter that you need to be paid for that?

Barker: I'm not currently, have not taken puppies from the shelter, moms or puppies from the shelter in Las Cruces for over a month now. I take from the community and from other communities. And yes, the model will change. If Las Cruces wants us to move their moms and puppies via transport, yes there will be a revenue model. There is no revenue model in it right now.

Garrett: Okay. And previously you were pulling animals that you were sending to Colorado.

Barker: That's correct.

Garrett: But without any money.

Barker: That is correct.

Garrett: Okay. And are you talking ...

Barker: But I also did not have a facility.
Garrett: I understand.

Barker: And costs attached to it.

Garrett: Okay.

Barker: The time was my cost which was the cost of logistics management and relationship management. I'm happy to give that for free. None of this has to do with a salary for Kelly Barker.

Garrett: I know. I understand.

Barker: Okay.

Garrett: And so relative to El Paso, pull animals from El Paso they have to pay?

Barker: We will create a revenue model. If other places wish to use Last Litter there will be a revenue model attached to it.

Garrett: Or Deming or whatever?

Barker: Whatever.

Garrett: Okay. I just needed to make that clear. I mean you're basically saying your Last Litter Program is shifting to a situation where you're going to need to have revenue in order to sustain what you're doing.

Barker: Correct.

Garrett: Okay. I think that that's important for us all to understand.

Barker: Sure.

Garrett: That's different than what you were doing before. This is where you are today. Okay. Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.

Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Yes Mr. Bryce.

Bryce: I'm going to stand up because more people hear me and I wish other people would do the same thing. I'd like to just clarify this open discussion in a way, the difference between pulling and accepting the animals. If you pull it, it's your animal. If you take it from the shelter under the condition that I'm aware of with the Last Litter, it's still their animal. There's a big difference there. I'd like to get that out on the table.
Barker: And that's why the mother's have been able to be spayed. They are shelter animals in the PetPoint system and therefore there's no cost to Last Litter to fix those moms which is a tremendous benefit to the community.

Gandara: Frank, anything else?

Bryce: I have a lot but we'll go as we can. Thank you.


Villalobos: Vic Villalobos, Dog'Cruces. I just want to, you know I don't have a lot of comment with what's actually going on, I think we're still in the early stages of it. I really want to commend Clint and his staff. I think they've been doing a truly outstanding job. I think we've seen such a huge difference. We've seen over the years the differences between the organizations and all the shelter and stuff and boy we just see such a difference today. And we still bicker a little bit but in general it is just so much better and I really commend Clint and his staff and the Board. You guys have been doing a real good job. You know it's, I really appreciate Kelly. I'll be honest, in the beginning Kelly and I had a little butt heading on a few things but ...

Barker: Only you did.

Villalobos: Only I did. Doing a real great job here with this. You know I understand the tough decision because all you might be in all your organizations bring a lot to the table and it's hard as a Board, you know or if I were on the Board to say you get money, you don't get money, you do get money, and that's a really hard decision to make, so I don't envy you for that. I think it's a great program. We're actually going to feature in our next issue of the magazine, we're featuring the story on the Last Litter and my hopes are that Kelly, yes I realize there's a financial need for it, but we would be really happy to put our support as we do with many other organizations, behind fundraising for you to be able to, because I get it, you're going to get animals from other cities at times. But if we were able to help fundraising to continue to work with the shelter that would be an option that we really need to look at because I think the community once they see this program and really what it does, it's not a lot of money that you need. We can help you get that money.

Gandara: Thank you Vic. Yes.

Smith: I just want to brag on Vic a little bit. I was out at the shelter yesterday and I saw these "Pardon Our Dust" signs and they were cute and compelling
and I asked where the source and it was Vic Villalobos. So thank you for that.

Gandara: Thanks Vic. Thank you. Yes Clint.

Thacker: I just want to point out that I don't want to get the feeling that the shelter is against Last Litter. We are not in anyway. I recognize that at the time we needed it. And we still do need it, but we don't need the separate facility for these animals to go to. I want that to be clear. We still support it. We still want it. We just don't need that area that's going to cost the money that's requesting that to be done.

Gilbert: Clint, can I ask then. There isn't a capacity issue any more then?

Thacker: Oh there is a capacity issue.

Gilbert: So then why don't you need another space? I don't understand that part.

Smith: They needed to be separated.

Gandara: They needed to be separated because of the distemper, right. And that's why. It was an emergent situation.

Gilbert: I understand that but.

Thacker: So the capacity issue isn't going to get any better until we finish what's coming in, until we address that. And that's what Kelly was saying is, is that even if we get rid of the puppies, that isn't going to fix the problem right now. What we need to do is do the education, we do the mass sterilization, all these big things and I promise you they're in the works. We've made goals as a center to address these problems but we can't do it until I have the resources to do. What good is it if I put out a mass plea for sterilization when it's six months wait to sterilize your animal at the shelter?

Gilbert: And you need a community.

Thacker: And I need the community. I need the best support. I need all these different things. And that's why the new facility's going to help out because we'll have that place for the animals and the old animal center can be our high capacity spay and neuter and really start kicking this problem in the butt is what we want to do.

Gandara: Dr. Susan is it relation to this?

Baez: Yes.
Gandara: Okay.

Baez: Just adding to what Clint was saying.

Gandara: Stand up Dr. Susan if you can.

Baez: To add to what Clint was saying, even if we send 100 puppies at a time to the facility which would ...

Gilbert: It would fill up again.

Baez: Our numbers, you wouldn't see the difference. You know what I mean. Like if you walk around the shelter you would be like, really, a hundred went? Our overpopulation, it's crazy and I agree 100% with Clint and what Kelly was saying, we need massive spays and neuters. Unfortunately the veterinarians to do that are lacking and it's a huge problem to find them. And also I think the best way to kind of like release the pressure in the other population is transports. We get hit with 40 animals a day, daily, and the adoption numbers are 12, 15 a week.

Gandara: The lady in the blue had something. I'm sorry I don't know your names but I wrote down what you were wearing.

Avery: My name is Diane Avery. But I'm guess I'm kind of here representing Sunland Park since our animals come up to this shelter. We've diverted like close to 300 last year and I'm not sure where we stand now because they're renovating so they're really not accepting animals. But all I wanted to say and I think that your Medical Director will probably validate this is that there will be, I appreciate what you said Mr. Dollahon because I think you do need another plan of what to do because you will have, and I think Carla and everybody's going to agree with this, you will have another parvo/distemper outbreak. It happens at all the large shelters.

Baez: Or anything else.

Avery: Or (inaudible) or coccidia or whatever because the animals are housed closely together. These are easily transmittable diseases. It's kind of like when you're kids go to school, they all come home the first month or six weeks with a cold because they're crammed into classrooms and it's spread around. There is no way with large numbers not to have these outbreaks. So a secondary plan of what to do, places to put them, is. And the other thing I'd like to say, and then I have to leave because I have another meeting, is that there needs to be a shelter of some sort because I can guarantee you and I have been doing this as well as a lot of other people have, but I can almost guarantee you that there is no way, it's
a great idea to have an adult dog and puppies and an adult dog and puppies. There is still going to because of handlers, because somebody's going to forget to wash their hands or put hand sanitizer on between going from. These things are going to be, it's just human. We're all human and it's going to happen. So I just would like to say I do believe that you do need an alternative plan for places to put animals and then you do need an alterative place to put puppies that get them out of this flow, because I can guarantee that all of the rescues, I think this is true, we're all full. And I was glad, and this is the last thing I'll say and I'm sorry to go a minute or so over my three minutes, but I was glad to say a couple of weeks ago that ACO from Sunland Park, because what he's doing is calling me, he says they can't accept dogs right now and he said he had three puppies and I was so thankful to be able to call and say "Kelly I'm bringing you three puppies." Because you know where they'd been otherwise, with the other 12 puppies at my house and you know it is just, I was just so thankful to have to place to say I could safely put these. Rather than saying oh you know what Clint, I've got puppies coming from Sunland Park, you know while you're in the midst of this distemper outbreak. So that's all I really have to say is I do think you need another plan. I do think Last Litter or some thing like it.

Gandara: Thank you.

Avery: Is definitely a necessity.

Gandara: Thank you. The lady in the maroon. And you might want to come, I'm sorry, you're pretty, unless you can project.

Dougil: I have a big mouth.

Gandara: Did you say that? I didn't hear you.

Dougil: I'm Dee Dougil. Most of you know me from the Coalition for Pets and People and being around here for a long time. I just want to bring up and Clint mentioned mass sterilization. I've brought this up before so some of you already have heard it at the Coalition meetings. I've met with the Mayor, with Kelly, a couple of times we talked to him. I've proposed it so many times. It's about the bigger picture. The City can do something about the population. It's so easy. There are over 49,000 residents just in Las Cruces alone, homes. And you guys have raised, the City has raised the recycling rates, gave us a recycling bin that nobody even asked for, didn't get to vote on it, but yet when I mention charge every resident $0.50, on your City bill and let that money go to spay and neuter for the whole City and even the county and let people, anybody, any walk of life, any amount of money, you can go and get a voucher from the City, go to any vet you want and get your animal spayed or neutered. It would work.
It worked, there's a man by the name of Joe, he has Rio Grande Estate Sales. He was a Mayor for a while in Tombstone. He did it in Tombstone and it worked well. We can do it here. Fifty-cents. I would pay $0.50 gladly on my City bill. I'd much rather pay $0.50 to get animals fixed than to pay for the stupid recycling bin. That's it.


Dalcour: It's a dark blue.

Gandara: Okay, dark blue.

Dalcour: But I want to agree with the veterinarian.

Baum: Can I have your name please?

Dalcour: Oh I'm sorry I'm Tina Dalcour with Zen Pets.

Baum: Thank you.

Dalcour: I think she hit the real nail on the head. It's our veterinarians in this town that is our problem. We need to get them on board because I run a program where I pay for spay and neuters for my clients. I just finished calling the shelter because I have a kitten that's almost ready to go into heat, they put me off until next week to even call me back. So I had to call my vet, get an appointment, pay $200 for a cat that isn't even mine so that it can get spayed before it gets pregnant. And so if the room really wants to address the problem get the money so that we can pay the vets and if the vets don't want to do it, then they are the problem in the community. Because these dogs and cats get pregnant because all my clients that I have want to get their animals spayed and neutered, but the waiting list is so long that their animal gets pregnant by the time they get it done. And that's when Kelly steps in. But it didn't solve the problem. The person wanted to get it spayed and neutered, but there's nowhere to get it done unless you're low income which I've also done that way. I've had them go through the low income so that we could get the animals done, but they're also full because they don't have the money. So that's my piece.

Gandara: Thank you. Vic.

Villalobos: Yes, I just had one more question and it's for Mr. Dollahon, and you may have said when you were talking that big long speech you said.

Dollahon: I'm a bureaucrat, I can talk.
Villalobos: So is it possible in the future budget, so I understand with the Last Litter Program you know one month maybe they can do so many, the next one they can do so many because of finances. But in the event of an emergency situation, can there be a contract or something put in place for next fiscal year let's say where Clint would have the authority to say obviously we can't pay the back money, but we've got an emergency situation here, we're going to move 200 puppies your way over the next 30 days and do that. So can that be put in ahead of time so that you don't have to do this?

Dollahon: Mr. Chairman, Vic. That's my recommendation to the staff is that we need to have those emergency protocols in place both in partnership with the County because we use the County fairgrounds, or with somebody else, but that's a procurement process. We have to go through that procurement process to have somebody on standby and we can do that. We can do that now. The problem that we're going to run into is we're going to have to outline through that process what constitutes an emergency and the protocols for instituting that so that we can come up with the money after the fact. Because if we know we have a standby emergency shelter situation, and we have them on contract, then we can pay them. We'll figure out the money afterwards. But we don't have that in place yet, but we can.

Villalobos: I think the emergency should be when Clint and his staff start texting you, "Do you have somewhere I can move all of our animals?" That should be the start of the emergency.

Gandara: The lady in the black to my right, short hair. Yes ma'am.

Genanie: Hi. I'm Bev Genanie. I'm a transporter of pups. Okay, I do a voluntary. I drive all different places. I think the Last Litter Program is a good idea. I think there might be some issues with it. I transport for rescues. And all the rescues that I transport for and I transport dogs that'll go clear across country. They all need help. Every one of them. I do my part by doing it for free as much as I can. I go all the way to Van Horn, sometimes all the way to Balmorhea, all the way to Benson. I've been all the way to Albuquerque and to Colorado. What I see with all of this is it's a good idea but I follow a rescued pets movement out of Houston. They also transport dogs. Transport a lot of dogs to Colorado. Their last transport to Colorado was 108 dogs that they transported up to Colorado. That was on October 4th. We just had a transport that went up with puppies from what I saw. You know there's a lot of dogs going to Colorado. That bothers me.
Dougil: The reason they go is because they have a spay/neuter law that's statewide.

Genanie: They do. They have that law but there's also BSL up there. Denver is very BSL.

MANY PEOPLE SPEAKING AT ONCE.

Gandara: One at a time please. What is BSL?

Williams: Breed specific legislation.

Genanie: No pit bulls or anything that looks like a pit bull.

Dougil: Wait, that's just in Denver. That's just in Denver.

Genanie: I know but they do have a law.

Dougil: But that's just in Denver.

Gandara: Okay.

Genanie: So it's just in Denver. But this is a problem. You have all these dogs and 108 dogs were transported from Houston just last week or just actually this week, yesterday as a matter of fact. Ours are going up to Colorado too. They're taking dogs out of Roswell to Colorado. What's going to happen in Colorado?

Dougil: Their state legislature's already looking at the number of dogs who are coming in.

Genanie: We're taking all these puppies up there. They're all going to be spayed and neutered before they get adopted out or are we sending puppies and dogs to get killed in kill shelters up there? They have kill shelters. Colorado Springs is a kill shelter. You know are we making us look good by sending our problem someplace else? This is a problem. I think that this Last Litter thing is a really good deal but I think that they need to go like every other rescue and ask for funds. I don't think that we should be specific and give them money to try and help our program down here. You know, they're a 501(c)(3), all of the rest of the rescues around here have to go and beg for money. Why should they be given $7,000 a month?

Gandara: Thank you Bev. Appreciate it. The lady in the black and white that's turning around.
Belford: Me?

Gandara: That's you. Pointing at yourself.

Belford: I can't stand up.

Gandara: No. You don't want to. Okay. Go on. Oh, okay, I'm so sorry.

Belford: I can't stand up.

Gandara: Just state your name please.

Belford: I'm going to read this little statement.

Dougil: State your name.

Belford: Yes, I didn't get there yet. My name is Regina Belford. I'm a volunteer and foster for Cherished K-9 All Breed Rescue. I've been so for about two and a half years and I've probably fostered about 60 puppies and dogs in the time with only one foster failure, but I consider that a success. I probably assisted and helped in about 60 adoption events and these are not for the weak of heart or the leg. They are a lot of work but time well spent and very personally rewarding. I suggest each of you try it, especially the Board Members to see what happens out there at these events.

I'm here today to speak for Cherished K-9 and the other rescues; APA, Safe Haven, Broken Promises, all the big ones and the little ones, that they need to scrape and scramble to get the resources from the tapped out community. The community's totally tapped out. It's tapped out of money from constant pleads for donations, volunteers, and fosters. There are too many needy dogs and cats that the local shelter obviously can't handle. Thankless rescues step in and do the best to intercept them or pull them and get them treated for God knows what, get them fostered, spayed, neutered at their expense, and hopefully get them adopted or shipped out of the community. Unfortunately the rescues are overloaded and under funded. They can only support so many animals. I have no issues with Kelly and her crew. We worked together last week to bring up some puppies form Anthony and we got them into some shelter, but hopefully they got a chance now.

My issue is that what Kelly wants to do and what the other rescues are doing is not different, they're already doing it in a smaller, broader way. The rescues take in pregnant mothers and then deal with the puppies. Sometimes they ship them out, a lot of times, most of the times they get to adopt them. That's the easy part. It's the moms that are the hardest part. It's the older dogs. It's the broken dogs. It's the disfigured dogs, the dogs that get hit by cars that no one wants to take back or to fix
them. These are the problems. These are the hard things for the
rescues. To have a nonprofit ask for $7,000 a month to do the same thing
is a slap in the face to these rescues. Every time that they scrape to get a
sick dog hydrated or to have a broken leg set, you know or worse,
removed, and then try and get them adopted. I'm a Department of the
Army civil servant and I work at the ATEC contracting office at WSMR.
This expense totaling $84,000 a year is by no means a sole source. I
can't honestly imagine what Cherished K-9 would do with the community
with $84,000 a year. (Inaudible) a handout and it will never make it
through the sole source RFP. Also I do believe that the costs that Ms.
Barker is incurring would be considered an unconsolidated, or an
unauthorized commitment. If the City has $84,000 to donate to a rescue, I
would like to see just a medical fund here at the shelter for all the rescues
to tap into as needed or free spay and neuter. That's all.

Gandara: Thank you.

Belford: Go Red Socks.

Gandara: You just had to get that on in.

Dougil: I have a question. Did APA, Broken Promises, and Safe Haven give you
permission to speak for them?

Belford: I'm not speaking for them. I'm just ...

Dougil: You just said ...

Gandara: Hold on please. This is not direct communication with you both. You can
take it outside if you have questions. Okay. Thank you. Anybody else?
Yes sir.

Tapia: Okay, I've got something to read. My name is Marcus Tapia.

Gandara: Mark will you stand up.

Tapia: Sure.

Gandara: Thank you Mr. Tapia.

Tapia: Thank you for having me. My name is Marcus Tapia. I volunteer for a few
rescues here in town and I do a little TNR. I want to thank every rescue
and I wish I could volunteer for all of you. One rescue I volunteer for is
UNcaged Paws. I was also a team member for Last Litter. This is why
we're here today. They are doing a great service in this community. The
Last Litter deals with puppies and sends them out within a week. Lots of
work. Other rescues I volunteer for bring in heartworm positive, broken limbs, seniors, timid, and aggressive dogs. It takes a lot of time and medical bills to get these dogs adoptable and they have them for longer than just weeks, sometimes months or even years. I also have a question for Last Litter about the moms that do not have owners to return to. The Last Litter has not held any adoption events. Where are the moms going? Do they go back to the shelter? I have had an experience with them I would like to share. I got a dog to foster from UNcaged Paws in July. She was supposed to go on Freedom Flight on August 14th. Because of the distemper outbreak there was no flight. They had no plan for this dog so last week I asked them to relinquish her to me. I am not a rescue, just a volunteer. They failed this dog and they failed me. I would like to know that these mothers are not just being returned to the shelter. My suggestion is if there's a $7,000 a month to be spent, we should stop the problem before it starts by having free spay and neuter program for Doña Ana County or share these funds with the rescues. Thank you.

Gandara: Thank you Mr. Tapia. I appreciate it. Kelly.

Barker: If I could clarify for the record. It's not an $84,000 that we requested, never was. This whole thing was set up as a pilot project for a very limited duration and ...

Gandara: Are you okay Kelly?

Barker: I don't know.

IV. Adjournment (2:26 PM)

MEETING ADJOURNED.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kasandra Gandara, Chairman

Jess C. Williams, Vice Chairperson

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Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member

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ATTEST:

Amanda Lopez Askin, County Clerk
MEMORANDUM

To: Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley Board of Supervisors
From: Maria Villa, Accounting Manager
Date: October 10, 2018

Subject: Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley Financial Report
Unaudited September 30, 2018.

Attached are the unaudited financial results of the Animal Service Center operations for the period ending September 30, 2018. Some observations for your consideration:

- The Statement of Net Position (page 1) shows cash of $589,196. There is outstanding account receivable for $88,636 from Dona Ana County in the General Fund.

- The outstanding payroll liabilities are $52,798 for the General Fund. There is also an outstanding accounts payable balance of $488. In addition, there is a $20,000 PetSmart Grant in Revenues Collected in Advance.

- The Capital Projects Fund shows cash of $1,059,783. There are no outstanding receivables in the Capital Fund.

- The $77,000 in Revenues Collected in Advance is a PetSmart Grant that has not been expended.

- The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (page 2) shows YTD operating revenues in the General Fund are $988,021. YTD operating expenditures are at $603,704, which results in an increase in Net Fund Balance of $384,317.

- The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual (page 3) indicates 34.2% of budgeted revenues and 20.2% of budgeted expenditures have been recognized. The current budget parameter for this month is 25.0%.
• The Grants and Donations Schedule on page 7 provides a summary of grants and donations received.

CC: William Studer, Assistant City Manager
CC: Amador Espinosa, Financial Reporting Analyst

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And Changes in Fund Balance  
For the Period Ended September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)  

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| Personnel              | 386,753                  | -                           | -                        | 386,753        |
| Temp agency services   | 16,107                   | -                           | -                        | 16,107         |
| Repairs and maintenance| 11,327                   | -                           | -                        | 11,327         |
| Services               | 106,688                  | -                           | -                        | 106,688        |
| Supplies               | 51,773                   | -                           | -                        | 51,773         |
| Insurance              | 24,109                   | -                           | -                        | 24,109         |
| Other                  | 6,947                    | -                           | -                        | 6,947          |
| Depreciation & amortization | -                   | -                           | -                        | -              |
| Capital outlay         | -                        | 70,568                      | -                        | 70,568         |
| **Total expenditures** | 603,704                  | 70,568                      | -                        | 674,272        |

| **Net Operating Income (Loss)** | 384,317                  | (32,568)                   | -                        | 351,749        |
| **Transfers**              | -                        | -                           | -                        | -              |
| **Net Change in Fund Balance** | 384,317                 | (32,568)                   | -                        | 351,749        |
| **Net Investment in Capital Assets** | -                       | -                           | -                        | -              |
| **Beginning Fund Balance** | 220,228                  | 1,015,351                   | 265,991                  | 1,501,570      |
| **Ending Fund Balance**    | $ 604,546                | $ 982,783                   | $ 265,991                | $ 1,853,320    |
Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley  
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| **Expenditures** |        |         |              |
| Personnel        | 1,935,355 | 386,753 | 20.0%        |
| Temp agency services | 100,000 | 16,107  | 16.1%        |
| Repairs and maintenance | 45,000 | 11,327  | 25.2%        |
| Services         | 425,000 | 106,688 | 25.1%        |
| Supplies         | 231,500 | 51,773  | 22.4%        |
| Insurance        | 85,129  | 24,109  | 28.3%        |
| Other            | 69,000  | 6,947   | 10.1%        |
| Capital outlay   | 91,500  | -       | 0.0%         |
| **Total expenditures** | **2,982,484** | **603,704** | **20.2%** |

**Net income (loss)**  
(92,284)  
384,317

**Transfer to capital from operations**  
-  
-

**Net change in fund balance**  
$ (92,284)  
384,317

**Beginning Fund Balance**  
220,228

**Ending Fund Balance**  
$ 604,546
Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley
Annual Budget vs. Actual Year-To-Date
September 30, 2018 - Revenues
Budget Parameter 25.0%
### Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley
#### Grants and Donations Schedule
**as of September 30, 2018**

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## Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley

### Monthly Statistics Report - August 2018

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**Adoptions**

- Total: 165

**Expired in Shelter**

- Total: 40

**DOA**

- Total: 60

**Return to Owner**

- Total: 116

**Transferred Out (Rescues)**

- Total: 228

**Wildlife Release**

- Total: 11

**Owner Request Euthanasia**

- Total: 39

**Euthanized**

- Total: 15

**Age - Too Old**

- Total: 8

**Age - Too Young**

- Total: 2

**Behavior - Aggressive - Dog**

- Total: 18

**Behavior - Aggressive - Human**

- Total: 4

**Behavior - High Arousal Level**

- Total: 0

**Behavior - Resources Guarding**

- Total: 0

**Behavior - Timid**

- Total: 1

**Behavior - Timid - Fear Biter**

- Total: 11

**Breed - Medical**

- Total: 0

**Court Order**

- Total: 1

**Eliminator**

- Total: 0

**Failure To Thrive**

- Total: 0

**Feral**

- Total: 0

**Hit by Car**

- Total: 2

**Medical Issues**

- Total: 15

**Medical - Animal Attack**

- Total: 5

**Medical - Distemper - TX**

- Total: 9

**Medical - Distemper - Non TX**

- Total: 3

**Medical - Felv**

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**Medical - FIV**

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**Medical - HW Positive**

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**Public Services**

- **City Clinic** (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips) 64
- **County Clinic** (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips) 44
- **Jurisdiction Unknown** 1

**Subtotal Clinic In** 109

- **Clinic Out** (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips) 81

**Grand Total**

- **Intake** 869
- **Outcome** 829

**Statistics**

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* The discrepancy between intake and outcome numbers is due to the number of animals taken in on the final three to five days of the month whose outcome is listed on the following month’s report. (Animals are held as Strays three days without tags and five days with identification for owner reclaim). It is doubtful that the two numbers will ever match.