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OFFICIAL AGENDA
ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 0379 3071
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM

1. Opening Items

1.A. Call to Order

1.B. Roll Call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2025

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3. Old Business

3.A. Update on the Animal Control Coordination Efforts

3.B. Update on the Water Dispensers for Strays

3.C. Update on the Feeder Program

4. New Business

4.A. Discussion on Organizing an Animal Welfare Board Community Event

4.B. Discussion on the FY 2025-2026 Budget

4.C. Discussion on Expanding Outreach and Education

5. Staff / Commission Liaison Updates

6. Public Comment

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: December 10, 2025

8. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025, | 6:30 P.M.

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1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:**
   - **a.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
     - **i.** **Board Members Present:**
       1. Maria De La Cruz Arrechea
       2. Rosaura Lopez
       3. Sabrina Fasana
       4. Indira Shakti
       5. Sole Amadi
     - **ii.** **Board Members Absent: NONE**
     - **iii.** **Village Staff Present:**
       1. Frank Rollason, Village Manager
       2. Doris Acosta, Commissioner
       3. Isabel Betancourt, Assistant Village Clerk

   - **b.** Swearing in of Members: The swearing-in of new and returning board members was conducted by Assistant Village Clerk Isabel Betancourt.
   - **c.** Election of Board Officers:
     - i. Chair: Maria De La Cruz Arrechea
     - ii. Vice Chair: Rosaura Lopez
     - iii. Secretary: Indira Shakti

2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

3. **Old Business:**
   - **a. Update on Stray Cat Care Efforts**

     The board reaffirmed its commitment to feeding, protecting, and caring for stray cats in the community. Discussions included:
     - The ongoing trapping and adoption program, with two cats recently adopted by the Humane Society.
     - Maria discussed its recent achievements, such as opening a nonprofit organization, Meow Matters.
     - The need for medical care for aging stray cats and ways to support these

efforts.

b. Discussion on Water Access for Community Cats

- Current water sources for community cats were discussed, with members agreeing to explore new solutions.
- Maria suggested researching Miami Beach's approach to water dispensers for cats.
- Doris presented an example of a PVC pipe system for both food and water, which received positive feedback.
- Frank clarified that water dispensers could be placed on North Bay Village-owned property if they were properly maintained.
- The board agreed to experiment with different water container solutions before finalizing a recommendation.

4. New Business

a. Planning for T-Shirt Orders

i. The board discussed ordering T-shirts to promote the Animal Welfare Advisory Board.
ii. Maria Tovar confirmed that the board has $2,785 remaining in the annual budget.
iii. Frank approved the purchase of T-shirts using funds from the board's annual budget.
iv. Maria agreed to collect size and design preferences from board members and send the information to Frank or Maria Tovar for approval and ordering.

b. Board Report at the Commission Meeting

i. Maria confirmed she would present a report on the board's activities at the March 18th Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
ii. Doris will notify the Clerk's office of Maria's participation.

c. Next Steps & Action Items

i. Maria to visit the Miami Beach boardwalk to observe and photograph their cat water container solutions.
ii. Maria to research suitable water dispenser options online.
iii. Maria to compile and send water dispenser ideas to Frank for approval.
iv. Maria to prepare and deliver a report on the board's activities at the March 18th commission meeting.
v. Maria to gather board members' T-shirt sizes and design preferences and send them to Frank or Maria Tovar.
vi. Maria to send the agenda for the next meeting (August 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.) to Isabel and Alva.
vii. Frank to review and approve the proposed water container solutions.
viii. Commissioner Acosta to inform the Clerk about Maria's confirmation to present at the March 18 meeting.

5. Staff / Commission Liaison Updates: NONE

6. Public Comments: NONE

7. Adjournment:

a. **Motion to Adjourn:** Introduced by:
    i. **Second:**
    ii. **Vote:** All in favor
    iii. **Motion:** PASSED
b. **Adjourned:** 7:01 p.m.