



DU PAGE COUNTY

Animal Services Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Krajewski at 7:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill, District 5 Dawn DeSart, Grant Eckhoff, Paula Garcia, Krajewski and Sheila Rutledge
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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR KRAJEWSKI

Chair Krajewski reminded committee members of the DuPage Animal Friends gala on Friday, April 12th and requested the committee's assistance in promoting ticket sales and sponsorship.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.A. [24-0714](#)

Animal Services Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Attachments: [Summary Minutes Jan-2024](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Sheila Rutledge

6. GRANTS

6.A. [FI-R-0038-24](#)

Acceptance of the DuPage Animal Friends FY24 Unrestricted Grant, Company 5000, Accounting Unit 1310, \$50,000. (Animal Services)

Attachments: [DAFUNR24 Budget - Attachment I.pdf](#)
[DAFUNR24 Grant Agreement Letter Unrestricted Grant - Attachment II](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
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MOVER:	Sheila Rutledge
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6.B. [FI-R-0039-24](#)

Acceptance and Appropriation of Interest Earned on Investment for the DuPage Animal Friends DAFUNR23 Unrestricted FY23 Grant, Company 5000, Accounting Unit 1310, \$1,200. (Animal Services)

Attachments: [5000-1310 DAFUNR23 Resolution Attachment I Budget](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Dawn DeSart

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Staff are preparing a construction update video to be shared publicly.

DAF gala ticket sales are currently 200 of the total goal of 500-600 tickets sold. Member DeSart reminded everyone that the event is a benefit for the capital campaign for which we are attempting to raise several million dollars for the new shelter.

Laura added that the DAF gala ticket price is in line with that of other area shelters and rescues. Anyone unable to afford the price of a gala ticket may volunteer for the event or bid on silent auction items remotely. For anyone unable to participate in the gala event, there are other upcoming fundraising opportunities to get involved in, such as Giving DuPage Days.

Member DeSart requested that everyone do what they can to drive ticket sales, sponsorships and big ticket in-kind silent auction items for the gala event (sporting event or concert tickets, memorabilia, etc.). Sponsorship packets are available in the County Board office or at the shelter.

Dog adoptions at the shelter have been terribly slow. Perfect Match fee-waived dog adoption promotion is in place through the end of February.

Staff are in the process of planning several summertime vaccine and microchip clinics with Hinsdale Humane Society, including one specifically geared toward veterans.

Staff are in the process of planning for the 2024 Specialty Veterinary Vehicle season, including planning for a few potential pre-season dates in response to the unseasonably warm winter.

Another free police department training is being planned for this year featuring our own content and DCAS educator to make it more relevant to DuPage County municipal partners. Last year's police department training was very successful. PDs were outfitted with animal supplies,

microchip scanners, etc. It is our goal to be able to provide similar resources again this year.

The shelter population is currently around 100 animals. This is due in part to the time of year and also in part due to our population management practices in place to help staff navigate the disruptions caused by construction.

Member DeSart shared that NBC5 reporter Regina Waldroup had agreed to emcee the DAF gala event on April 12th. Regina is an avid animal lover and speaks at/supports animal-related causes.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Krajewski mentioned that suggested language updating animal ordinance would be coming soon from ASA Prindle. Proposed amendments included changes to pricing for select services and feeding of wildlife.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Member Rutledge commented on Willowbrook Wildlife's current policy on raccoons.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.