

# History

- **First indoor shelter constructed in 2008**
  - **Approximately 4,300 sq. ft.**





# **Animal Shelter Expansion Project**

- **2015 Facilities Master Plan Update**
  - **Design capacity of existing facility has been exceeded**
    - **Dogs - 24**
    - **Cats - 35**
  - **Does not have sufficient size to accommodate expected growth**



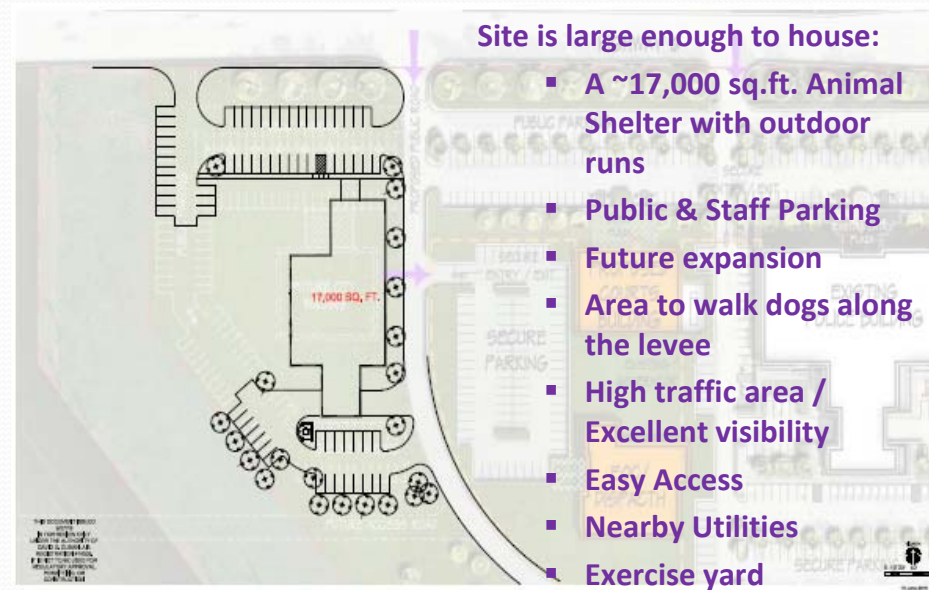
## **Expansion Project**

- **Expansion study conducted by Quorum:**
  - **Needs assessment**
  - **Expansion options**
  - **Phasing plan for proposed improvements**
  - **Interim improvements for annexation**
  - **Reviewed with City Council in June 2016**



# Expansion Project (cont'd)

- Police Department site selected for new shelter
  - Reviewed with City Council in November 2016



# Annexation Improvements

- Whiskerville opened in December 2017
  - Added 2,400 sq. ft. for cats, veterinary exam room and breakroom/office space







# Animal Advisory Board Expansion

- Broaden the scope of the board to ensure new shelter meets the needs of the community
- Expanded Purpose:
  - Review policies, programs and practices of the current animal shelter
  - Review animal capacity calculations and animal population trends



# **Animal Advisory Board Expansion**

- **Expanded purpose (cont'd):**
  - **Review/recommend policies, programs and practices for implementation in new shelter**
  - **Determine shelter program needs versus wants and identify budget needs of each**
  - **Recommend funding options for the programming of space**
  - **Recommend a capital campaign**



# Animal Advisory Board Members

- **Board expanded from 5 members to 11 members**

Susan Chapman

Dr. James Cox

Susie Hyde

John Niemand

Robin Novak

Tanya Pal

Teresa Reading

Sue Wege

Barbara Willy

Staff:

Kathryn Ketchum

Dawn Steph / Stacie Henderson





# **Animal Advisory Board**

## **Work Completed:**

- **Creation of a vision statement**
- **Modifications to mission statement**



# Vision and Mission Statements

- **Our Vision**

Our goal is to foster and support a community where all animals are treated humanely and with compassion, and in which there is a forever home for every adoptable animal.



# Vision and Mission Statements

- **Our Mission**

To achieve our Vision, Sugar Land Animal Services works to:

- provide education about responsible animal care, pet ownership, and living with wildlife;
- prevent cruelty to animals;
- find forever homes for every adoptable stray and impounded animal; and
- protect the health and safety of Sugar Land's citizens and animals in connection with animal issues.





# **Animal Advisory Board**

## **Work Completed (cont'd):**

- **Review of current operations**
  - **Assessment and treatment upon entry**
  - **Medical & behavioral evaluations**
- **Review of policies**
  - **Donation policy**



# **Animal Advisory Board**

## **Work Completed (cont'd):**

- **Discussed other programs and recommendations related to the following items**
  - **Maddie's Fund (No Kill)**
  - **TNR**
  - **Owner surrender**



# No Kill

- **Current City practices**
  - **Utilize the Maddie's Fund "No-Kill" strategies**
  - **Do not utilize the "No-Kill" label**
  - **We do what is best for the animal**
- **Board recommends maintaining the current practice**





## **Trap Neuter Release (TNR)**

- **Current City ordinance prohibits cats from running at large**
- **Variety of TNR programs**
- **Board recommends not adopting TNR program**



# **Owner Surrender**

- **Process by which an owner surrenders a pet to the care of a shelter, animal control facility or rescue**
- **Sugar Land does not accept owner surrenders**
  - **Information is provided to owners regarding available resources**
- **Board recommends not taking owner surrender**
  - **Maintain current operations working with local resources**
  - **This has provided positive results**



## **Project Outreach & Education**

- **Webpage created to promote the AAB work**
  - **Focus on project transparency**
  - **AAB member videos**
  - **FAQs**

**<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/1649/The-Animal-Advisory-Board-and-Planning-f>**





## **Next Steps**

- **Workshop shelter program**
- **Workshop shelter funding**