The following are summary minutes for the meeting of the City of Las Cruces - Animal Care Task Force for January 31, 2020 at 2:30 p.m., at the City of Las Cruces, City Hall, Conference Room 2007-A, 700 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Members Present:
David Dollahon, Assistant City Manager for Operations
Gino Jimenez, City ACO Supervisor
Mary Lou Ward, Dona Ana County ACO Chief
Robert Cabello, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Clint Thacker, ASCMV Executive Director
Susan Krueger, Animal Care Advocate
Frank Bryce, Humane Society of Southern NM
Rick Hahn, Coalition for Pets and People
Gina Roberts, Dona Ana County ACO Case Worker
Jean Gilbert, Humane Society of Southern NM
Geri Wheelis, Boarding Director for Calista Animal Hospital
Jackye Meinecke, Coalition for Pets and People

Others Present:
David Aguayo, City of Las Cruces Codes/Animal Control
Athena Huckaby, Colony Manager
Jo Ruprecht, Citizen
Marcy Scott, Citizen
Denise Beyer, Uncaged Paws
Joseph Dean, Uncaged Paws

Call to order – 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mary Lou Ward moved; Gino Jimenez seconded to approve the minutes for January 17, 2020. Motion passed.

Discussion Items: Mr. Dollahon showed the TNR map that had data that was extracted from Shelter Love at the Animal Service Center when they were releasing community cats inside the city limits. Mr. Dollahon said that practice was shut down last summer so technically the shelter shouldn’t be releasing community cats under the current ordinance.

David Dollahon said Gino Jimenez has 8 applications for colonies now. Mr. Jimenez said he had one person contact him and was ready to go ahead and get her permit. The only problem is one of the cats is being difficult to catch so she wanted to just go ahead and not include it in her colony and go ahead and move forward with her 9 cats. Mr. Jimenez told her she had until the end of February to see if she could catch the 10th one and include it with the others. She has all of her documentation and is ready to go to get fully permitted. Mr. Jimenez will contact her the last week of February and see where she’s at.
The Task Force discussed cat colonies and the effects they had on the neighborhoods and the bird populations. There was also discussion regarding public safety when it comes to feral cats carrying diseases.

Adjourn – 4 p.m.

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Chair

Approved: ________________