

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS*

**KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

Kern County Administrative Building
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
3rd Floor, Multipurpose Room

January 17th, 2018 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
Commissioners Present: Ms. Anderson –Chairperson/Commissioner
Mr. Blackburn – Vice Chairperson/Commissioner
Ms. Taggart – Commissioner
Ms. Geary – Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:
Ms. Perez – Commissioner (*non-voting member*)
Ms. Madigan - Commissioner

Staff Present:
Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
Jerri S. Bradley – Deputy County Counsel
Blake Smith – Business Manager, Kern County Animal Services
Jeff George - Volunteer Coordinator, Kern County Animal Services
Amber Chrissakis – Volunteer OSS, Kern County Animal Services

[When names appear in parenthesis, the motion initiating action on the agenda item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]

B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS:

1. October 18th, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion to Receive and File (*Geary/Taggart*) – All in favor

2. November 15th, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion to Receive and File As Amended (*Geary/Taggart*) – All in favor

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and File

NONE

D. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. Also, the Commission may act to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES.**

Heard from Michelle Vallejos who shared her concerns about the November ASC recordings, current status regarding activity on Silva St., trash bag dogs that had been dumped on Cottonwood and Hosking, and on the department's No Kill Kern County goal. There was brief discussion and Director Cullen addressed her concerns.

Heard from Darleen Voss who shared her concerns about stray dogs at Hart Park. There was brief discussion and Director Cullen responded to her concerns.

Heard from Stacey Jischke who stated she believes the Commission meetings should stay monthly. She also asked about how the public can participate in the revisions to ordinances that have recently been discussed.

Heard from Susan Richardson who shares her concerns about the publication of the Animal Services Commission meetings. She suggests the meetings be publicized in more places. She also shares her concerns about the stray dog problem in Kern County.

Heard from Christie Nolan also states that she would like to see the meetings remain monthly. She also states her concern with the department making owner surrendering animals more difficult in the future. She also gives a suggestion of making the meetings an event on Facebook to further help get the word out to the public.

E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

Heard from Director Cullen who further elaborates on his thoughts regarding owner surrendering dogs/managed intake. Director Cullen reports on the statistics on the Director's report and adds that the department's Foster Coordinator was awarded a grant to visit Austin, TX and learn about their barn cat program. Terri Kahn asks Director Cullen if the department adopts out dogs who have a bite history to which Director Cullen responds that dogs are not adopted out if there is a bite history however they may be released to a rescue. Michelle Vallejos shared her concerns and frustrations regarding the shelter's holiday hours. Director Cullen addresses her concerns and frustrations. Director Cullen briefly discusses the department's goal of No Kill by 2020.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart who spoke briefly in favor of managed intake.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn who spoke about the statistics in the Director's report. He also asked if Deanna and/or Lisa could come and talk next month about their experience in Austin.

2. VOLUNTEER UPDATE - Receive and File

Heard from Jeff George who reported on the statistics and achievements for the calendar year 2017. Jeff highlighted that he hopes to have 3 projects completed by the Eagle Scouts. Commissioner Blackburn commends Jeff on the amount of volunteer hours he reported on.

3. SPAY/NEUTER FUNDS UPDATE - Receive and File

Heard from Blake Smith who reports on the data on the Spay/Neuter report.

F. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

On their own initiative, Commissioners may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff, or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(a)).

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn who shared that he may have a company possibly willing to donate money to the No Kill Kern movement. He believes as the word gets out the department will start to see a lot more companies willing to contribute.

Heard from Commissioner Anderson who reported further on the emergency trailers that she is working on getting for the department.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SUB-COMMITTEE

Heard from Commissioner Geary reports that they had a training for new volunteers and it was very successful. They plan on doing more trainings in the future and would like to get more volunteers.

3. LIFESTOCK CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Heard from Commissioner Geary who reported there is a training in San Ynez called Horses in Disaster Expo that she is going to be attending. She is using ordinances already written by other agencies and the guidance of two ACOs to complete a draft of a new proposed ordinance. She plans to have the draft by the next Commission meeting. There are questions from unidentified members of the public about how they can have input in the proposed ordinance. There is brief discussion on how to go about doing so.

4. RE-VISIT FREQUENCY OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

It is agreed upon by the Commission that meetings will stay monthly until further notice.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

Motion to Receive and File items E1. - Director's report (*Taggart/Geary*) – All in favor

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (*Taggart/Geary*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

The next Animal Services Commission meeting is scheduled for:

February 21st, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Janice Anderson
Chairperson

**A full recording of the proceedings can be heard at http://www.co.kern.ca.us/acd/AAC_AS.aspx*