

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS\***

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

**Kern County Administrative Building  
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multipurpose Room**

October 20th, 2021– 6:00p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.  
Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson  
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner  
Mr. Sannappa - Commissioner  
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:

Ms. Geary – Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Couch – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, 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. September 15th, 2021 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to Receive and File (*Taggart/Christopher*) - All in favor

**C. CONSENT AGENDA:**

These agenda items before the Animal Services Commission (Commission) may be acted upon with one motion if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions.

1. 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 Sundee Martineau concerning the work that rescues do to contribute to saving animals.

Heard from Susan Richardson concerning the lack of resources to enforce animal ordinances and educating the community on shelters.

Heard from Michael Najera concerning the amount of dogs one rescue has taken in and asking what he can do to help get information out into the community.

Heard from Bryana Abla concerning Bakersfield Boxers and Bullies Rescue's efforts in rescuing dogs.

Heard from Gina Rolow and Leslie Nielsen from RAD (Rescuing Abandoned Dogs) concerning their efforts to save abandoned dogs dumped on the outskirts of Kern County.

Heard from Sheryl Doeckel concerning her experience rescuing dogs in Kern County.

Heard from Kristy Howard concerning the amount of stray animals in Kern County.

#### **E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

##### **1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file**

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the department's current struggles and statistics from the Director's report.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning statistics and the spay/neuter funding report.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning the efforts made by rescues.

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa commending rescues for their efforts and concerning funding for Animal Services.

Motion to Receive and file (*Sannappa/Taggart*) - All in favor

**F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning work her rescue is doing with Snip Bus.

**G. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

NONE

3. STATUS ON ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVISIONS

Director Cullen discussed the status of the ordinance subcommittee revisions.

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

November 17th, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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Attest:

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Gary Blackburn  
Chairperson

*\*A full recording of the proceedings, which constitute the official record of the Animal Services Commission's meetings, can be heard at: <https://www.kerncountyanimalservices.org/who-we-are/animal-services-commission/>*