

**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

August 18th, 2021– 6:00p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.  
Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Excused:

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. July 21st, 2021 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to Receive and File (*Geary/Taggart*) - 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. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and File**

- a. Email received 08/13/21 from James Smith regarding "Muchas gracias. Como puedo iniciar sesión?"
- b. Email received 06/24/21 from Jeffrey Hill regarding "Extra space"
- c. Email received 02/02/21 from Karen Williams regarding "Bella Vita Rescue Investigation"
- d. Email received 09/08/20 from Saving our Strays Saving lives regarding "Urgent Case! Severe animal neglect"
- e. Email received 05/15/20 from Gina Rolow regarding "Kern County stats on dogs"
- f. Email received 05/07/20 from Saving our Strays Saving lives regarding "Urgent!!!! Dog is abused and neglected on a daily"

### **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.**

NONE

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

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

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the statistics included in the Director's Report and he gave a status update on ordinance subcommittee revisions.

Heard from Commissioner Geary, concerning ordinance subcommittee revisions.

Heard from County Counsel concerning ordinance subcommittee revisions.

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa concerning ordinance subcommittee revisions.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning ordinance subcommittee revisions and statistics on the Director's report.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos regarding ordinance subcommittee revisions.

Heard from Michael Najera concerning waived adoption fee procedures and the County being no kill.

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

#### **F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

NONE

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS:**

##### 1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

##### 2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Heard from Joan Peyton concerning the AKC Reunite fundraising efforts.

Heard from Director Cullen concerning AKC Reunite fundraising efforts.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning AKC Reunite fundraising efforts.

##### 3. STATUS ON ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVISIONS

Director Cullen discussed the status of the ordinance subcommittee revisions during item E.1. of the agenda.

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

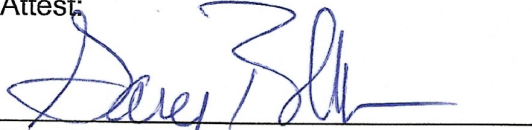
The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

October 20th, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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Attest:



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/>*