

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

November 17th, 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. Taggart - Commissioner
Mr. Sannappa - Commissioner
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Couch – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
Christina Oleson - Deputy County Counsel, Kern County
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 20th, 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 backyard breeders.

Heard from Jeanne Renniger concerning the efforts of rescue groups.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning breeding regulations.

Heard from Danny Litterell concerning the conclusion of the animal cruelty case where the dog was dragged behind a motorized scooter.

Leslie Nielsen concerning activities their rescue RAD (Rescuing Abandoned Dogs) has been involved in since the last meeting.

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

Heard from Teresa Maldonado concerning the amount of stray dogs in Lamont.

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 Blackburn concerning statistics.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning how the department finds grants.

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa concerning the "Lost in Care" label on the statistics report.

Heard from Sundee Martineau concerning programs the shelter will be offering.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning Commissioners communication with their appropriate Supervisor.

Heard from Danny Litterell concerning the possibility that the shelter offer a service of a boarding facility.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning him and Commissioner Sannappa doing a ride along with some of the rescuers.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Heard from Janice Anderson concerning the current status of fundraising efforts for the emergency trailers.

3. STATUS ON ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVISIONS

Director Cullen discussed the status of the ordinance subcommittee revisions.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ON WHETHER OR NOT THE COMMISSION WILL GO DARK IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Motion to go dark in December (*Sannappa/Geary*) – All in favor.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

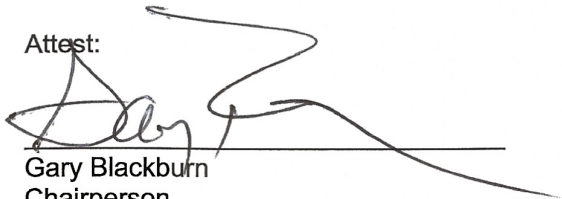
Motion to adjourn (*Taggart/Christopher*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

January 19th, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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