

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**

February 16th, 2022– 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Couch – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
Jeremy McNutt- 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. January 19th, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to Receive and File (*Geary/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 Michelle Vallejos concerning commercial animal facility permits.

Heard from Michael Najeera concerning Marques exotic pet store and their selling of pigs.

Heard from Carrie Zannovich concerning backyard breeding.

Heard from Mike Kane concerning dumped dogs.

E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the department's current events and statistics from the Director's report. Director Cullen answers questions from the public regarding things discussed during this agenda item.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning World Spay Day events at the shelter and volunteering. She also inquired about DocuPet.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning the recruitment of a shelter Veterinarian.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning the staffing levels at the shelter and their ability to answer phone calls.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning her time and experience volunteering with the Central California Animal Disaster Team at the shelter.
Heard from Commissioner Sannappa concerning the amount of people in attendance.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning his communication with Petco regarding adoption of cats in the store.

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:

CATHY CORNELL

Heard from Cathy Cornell concerning her rescue efforts and educational materials she has access to and is willing to share.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

March 16th, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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