

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

June 15th, 2022– 6:00p.m.

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

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

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Couch – Supervisor
Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson

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. May 18th, 2022 - 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.

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 Judy Coffman Terry Kahn concerning a donation made to Animal Services by the California Federation of Dog Clubs.

Heard from Susan Richardson concerning lack of resources for animal welfare.

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.

Audio was stopped at 6:30pm to replace batteries in recorder and was restarted at 6:31pm.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning the current struggle in animal welfare.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning TNR statistics in the Director's report.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning the donated Petco vaccinations and the statistics in the Director's report.

Director Cullen answered questions from various members of the public

Heard from Counsel McNutt who asked that the members of the public maintain decorum during the meeting going forward.

Motion to hear presentation from a special interest group (*Taggart/Christopher*) - All in favor

Director Cullen answers more questions from the public.

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

Commission took a short recess at 7:05pm where audio is stopped and reconvened at 7:09 when recording is restarted.

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

NONE

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Heard from Janice Anderson regarding the status of the emergency trailer and what the next steps are.

3. STATUS ON ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVISIONS

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the next steps the commission could take regarding the revisions.

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa, Commissioner Christopher, Commissioner Taggart and Commissioner Blackburn concerning their thoughts on the proposed revisions.

Heard from Counsel concerning parameters in which a sub committee could operate to review the revisions.

Heard from a member of the public who asked about the process in which ordinance changes make it from the Animal Control Commission to the Board of Supervisors. Counsel responds with a brief synopsis of the procedure.

Commissioner Sannappa makes a motion to form a two person subcommittee to look over the proposed revisions.

Motion to form two member sub committee (*Sannappa/Taggart*) - All in favor

Motion to appoint Commissioner Blackburn and Commissioner Christopher to the two member sub committee (*Sannappa/Taggart*) - All in favor

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:


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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

July 20th, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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