

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

April, 19th, 2023– 6:00p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson
Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner
Ms. Crompton - 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, Kern County Animal Services

[item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]

2. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. February 15th, 2023 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Geary/Crompton)* - All in favor

3. 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 from Kayla Sanchez 3/3/23 regarding a spay surgery on the cat she adopted.
 - b. Email received from Tedra Bonucchi 2/18/23 regarding barking complaint in Boron.
 - c. Email received from Pamela Jones 3/8/23 regarding a request for someone to come pick up her pig.
 - d. Email received from Candiss Elfstrom 3/27/23 regarding a request to take in a stray cat she has been caring for.
 - e. Email received from Anne Sanchez 3/28/23 regarding a stray cat that had kittens in her garage.
 - f. Email received from Bob Rilling-Smith 4/13/23 regarding his opposition of the draft Title 7 Ordinance revisions
 - g. Email received from Nitsa Trayler 4/13/23 regarding their opposition of the draft Title 7 Ordinance revisions
 - h. Email received from Sue Carnall 4/13/23 regarding her opposition of the draft Title 7 Ordinance revisions
 - i. Email received from Mariane Reyes 4/14/23 regarding her opposition of the draft Title 7 Ordinance revisions
 - j. Email received from Carrie Zaninovich 4/16/23 regarding her support of the draft Title 7 Ordinance revisions
 - k. Email received from Jeanette Rangel 4/16/23 regarding her support of the draft Title 7 Ordinance revisions
 - l. Email received from Terry Touissant 4/16/23 regarding her opposition to the draft Title 7 Ordinance revisions
 - m. Email received from Brian Renninger 4.17.23 in favor of breeding regulations
 - n. Email received from Bryana Abla 4.17.23 in favor of mandatory spay and neuter
 - o. Email received from Caitlin Wright 4.16.23 in favor of breedingin regulations
 - p. Email received from Carrie Zaninovich 4.16.23 in favor of breeding regulations
 - q. Email received from Dana Viray 4.18.23 regarding animal crisis in Kern County
 - r. Email received from Danette Weich 4.18.23 opposing any mandatory spay neuter legislation

- s. Email received from Diane Perry 4.18.23 in support of breeding regulations
- t. Email received from Elizabeth Roland 4.16.23 in support of mandatory spay and neuter legislation
- u. Email received from Irina Vlad 4.16.23 in support of breeding regulations and mandatory spay and neuter
- v. Email received from Jeanne Reninger 4.17.23 in support of breeding regulations
- w. Email received from Karen Lonero 4.18.23 in opposition to mandatory spay and neuter
- x. Email received from Katherin Enns 4.16.23 in favor of mandatory spay and neuter
- y. Email received from Kelsey Avalos 4.16.23 in favor of breeding regulations and options for pet owners in crisis
- z. Letter received from Christie Mathews 4.17.23 in support of breeding regulations
- aa. Email received from Mary Hulseley 4.17.23 in support of breeding regulations
- bb. Email received from Pam Miller 4.18.23 in opposition to any mandatory spay and neuter ordinance
- cc. Email received from Phil Conner 4.16.23 in favor of Title 7 revisions
- dd. Email received from Rachel Garrett 4.18.23 in support of breeding regulations
- ee. Email received from Samantha Williams 4.18.23 in opposition of any mandatory spay and neuter requirements
- ff. Email received from Tina Echols 4.18.23 in favor of mandatory spay and neuter

Motion to receive and file - *(Crompton/Christopher)* - All in favor

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 Sheryl Doeckel concerning how kennels are cleaned daily.

Heard from Sundee Martineau concerning the County needing a new shelter and diseases transmitted in the shelter.

Heard from Ava Wilstead concerning the lack of funding and resources for animals in Kern County.

Heard from Yesenia Giles concerning providing more resources for the Spanish speaking community.

Heard from Hailey Dovell concerning diseases being sent out from the shelter.

Heard from Stacey Jischke concerning how often the Commissioners speak with the Board of Supervisors.

Heard from Hailey Huestis concerning rescues shutting down.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning the creation of more “sanctuaries”.

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 Crompton who asked about upcoming events.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning the save rate percentage.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning the amount of spay/neuter clinics in the month of March.

Heard from Sundee Martineau commending Nick for his efforts.

Heard from an unidentified member of the public concerning volunteering.

Heard from an unidentified member of the public concerning involving media in rescue efforts.

Heard from Sheryl Doeckel concerning funding for Animal Services.

Heard from Michael Najera concerning dog intake statistics.

Heard from an unidentified member of the public concerning puppies for sale.

Heard from Michael Najera concerning how to get an appt. for spay/neuter.

Heard from Sheryl Doeckel concerning funding for Animal Services.

Heard from unidentified member of the public concerning the date/time for the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Heard from an unidentified member of the public asking if the emails sent to the Commission email are seen by the Board of Supervisors.

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6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her efforts with TNR.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning CCADT efforts.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Heard from Janice Anderson concerning the emergency trailers.

3. STATUS ON ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVISIONS

Heard from Commissioner Christopher and Commissioner Geary who gave a brief synopsis of what the proposed ordinance required and what it does not.

Heard from Terri Kahn in opposition to the proposed ordinance

Heard from Sundee Martineau in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Hailey Huestis in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Linda Maltone in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Sue Bennett in opposition of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Janice Anderson in opposition of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Paula Harris in opposition to the proposed ordinance

Heard from Juanita Lopez in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Cathy Parker in opposition of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Mike Knieve in opposition of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Laura Schmidt in opposition of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Joan Peyton in opposition of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Michelle Vallejos in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Stacey Jischke in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Sheryl Doeckel regarding enforcement of existing laws and of the proposed ordinance.

Heard from Jessica Beaver in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Priscilla Cervantez regarding enforcement of existing laws and of the proposed ordinance.

Heard from Campbell Cleveland in opposition of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Ava Wilstead in opposition of the proposed ordinance

Heard Virginia Burroughs in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard Yesenia Giles in favor of the proposed ordinance

Heard from Commissioner Geary

Heard from Commissioner Compton

Heard from Commissioner Christopher

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:


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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

May 17th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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/>*