

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**

October 18th, 2023 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Couch – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
Jennifer Feige - 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.]

B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. September 20th, 2023 - 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 from Malek Adel 09/19/23 in support of a mandatory spay and neuter ordinance.
 - b. Email received from Kristen Myers 09/23/23 regarding a stray dog at her place of business that has yet to be captured.
 - c. Email received from Marcela Herrera 09/25/23 inquiring if there will be an Animal Services Commission meeting in October.
 - d. Email received from Dan Duncan 09/26/23 regarding spay and neuter for a cat and 5 kittens.

Motion to receive and file - (*Geary Taggart*) - 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 Eva Rocha regarding her family's neighbor's dogs attacking their animals..

Heard from Ivan Rocha regarding his neighbor's dogs attacking their animals.

Heard from Aaron Rocha regarding his neighbor's dogs attacking their animals.

Heard from Mr. Rocha regarding his neighbor's dogs attacking their animals.

Heard from Lorena Rocha regarding his neighbor's dogs attacking their animals.

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 Christopher asking about adult cat intake for the month.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn talked about the save rate and intake numbers on the Director's report.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart asking about the return to owner promotion the shelter is offering.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning her activity with CADT.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her activity in TNR.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning his media activity regarding the proposed ordinances.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Heard from Joan Peyton concerning the money needed for obtaining the last trailer.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

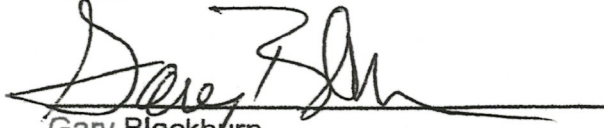
Motion to adjourn (*Geary/Christopher*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

November 15th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Attest:


Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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