

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

July 19th, 2023 – 6:00p.m.

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

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

Commissioners Excused:

Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson
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.]

B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. June 21st, 2023 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Christopher/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 Pam Dunstan 06/30/23 regarding dogs chasing people in the neighborhood.
 - b. Email received from Kathy Robinson 06/19/23 requesting assistance with feral cats at a business.
 - c. Email received from Victory Taylor 06/21/23 stating opposition to the ordinance previously considered.
 - d. Email received from DJ Anderson 06/22/23 stating opposition to a mandatory spay and neuter ordinance.
 - e. Email received from Ann Smith 06/20/23 recommending clearer language be used in previously considered ordinance revisions.

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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 last month's meeting activities and the status of the 5th Commissioner.

Heard from Marnie Nader concerning the over population of animals in Kern County.

Heard from Heather McCrary concerning the process in which Animal Services handles parvo in incoming animals.

Heard from Joan Peyton concerning property theft when it applies to a loose animal.

Heard from Terri Kahn concerning her willingness to foster for Animal Services in the future.

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 an adoption event in Tehachapi and the outcome of that.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn commending the department for all of their efforts to save animals. He also asks about the department's partnership with Petco.

Director Cullen answers questions from the public.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

NONE

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

NONE

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

Heard from County Counsel concerning the process by which the ordinance revisions will now follow.

I. ADJOURNMENT:


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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

August 16th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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