

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

January 17th, 2024 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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
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. November 15th, 2023 - 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.

1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and file
 - a. Email received from Jennifer Brown 11/15/23 expressing the support of the PETA organization of breeding legislation being developed for the greater Bakersfield area.
 - b. Email received from Jaqueline Lopez 11/27/23 requesting KCAS investigate allegations of animal abuse on social media.
 - c. Email received from Krista Askew 11/28/23 requesting a surgery date to alter the cat that she adopted from KCAS.
 - d. Email received from Tranai Moore 12/07/23 requesting vaccine records for the animal she had vaccinated at a vaccine clinic.
 - e. Email received from Debbie Asaeli 12/16/23 requesting assistance with a deceased dog removal.
 - f. Email received from Adriana Fuentes 12/29/23 requesting assistance with neutering his male cat.
 - g. Email received from Elizabeth Lopez 01/05/24 advising of a dog crate she's seen on the side of Interstate 5.

Motion to receive and file - *(Christopher/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 Steve Knoff concerning chickens owned by his neighbor that are disturbing his family.

Heard from Joan Peyton concerning her neighbors, who are also Steve's neighbors and how their animals are treated.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning a new coalition, Kern SAFE and their purpose and activities.

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 Taggart concerning how incredible it was how quickly the shelter got the strep zoo outbreak under control.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning the strep zoo outbreak.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning the amount of dogs adopted in 2023.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning the amount of puppies going into the shelter and SOS dog rescue.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning her activity at the vet clinic.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her activity spaying/neutering feral cats.

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 Director Cullen with an update on the trailers.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

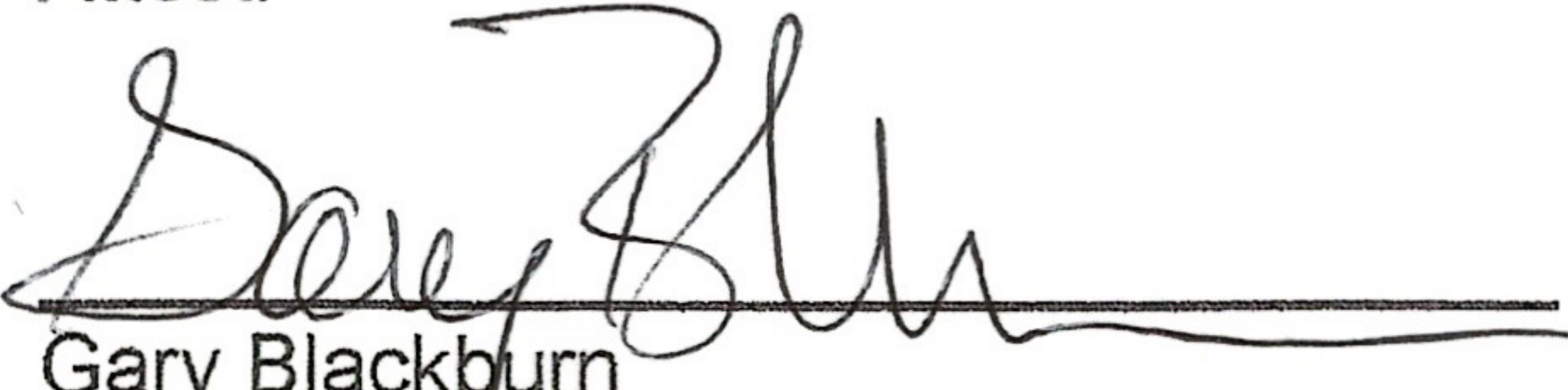
Motion to adjourn (*Christopher/Taggart*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

February 21st, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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