

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**

November 15th, 2023 – 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
Bryan Walters- 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. October 18th, 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 Teri May 10/17/23 reporting an unlicensed dog breeder operating within City limits.
 - b. Email received from Linda Goeppinger 10/29/23 in support of spay a spay neuter ordinance.
 - c. Email received from Marcela Herrera 11/1/23 inquiring if there will be an Animal Services Commission meeting in November.
 - d. Email received from David Dills 11/8/23 in opposition of a spay and neuter ordinance.

Motion to receive and file - (*Taggart/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.

NONE

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 Blackburn who asked about the Mega Adoption event.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos who asked if TNR cats gets rabies vaccinations.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning shelter TNR statistics and her TNR statistics. Director Cullen clarified for her how the County TNR program works, who performs surgeries and who pays for the surgeries.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning a dog her vet office that had a reaction to a vaccination.

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 Teri Kahn who informs that there is no updates.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

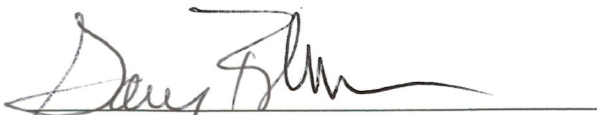
Motion to adjourn (*Christopher/Taggart*) – All in favor.

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

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

January 17th, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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