

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS*

**KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION**

Kern County Administrative Building
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
3rd Floor, Multipurpose Room

January 20th, 2016 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
Commissioners Present: Ms. Anderson –Chairperson/Commissioner
Mr. Blackburn – Commissioner
Ms. Geary – Commissioner
Ms. Madigan – Vice-Chairperson/Commissioner
Ms. Taggart – Commissioner

Commissioners Excused: Ms. Perez – Commissioner (*non-voting member*)

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
Jerry S. Bradley – Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel
Lisa Richardson – Shelter Supervisor, Kern County Animal Services
Blake Smith – Business Manager, Kern County Animal Services
Jeff George – Volunteer Coordinator, Kern County Animal Services
Amber Chrissakis – OSS, Kern County Animal Services

[When names appear in parenthesis, the motion initiating action on the agenda item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]

B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS:

1. November 18th, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion to Approve, Receive and File (*Geary/Taggart*) - All in favor

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

NONE

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 Sue Bennett with Kern Humane Society in regards to her visit to the City Council meeting and her request that they begin offering \$40 coupons for spay/neuter again. She also spoke about the year-end volunteer meeting that Kern Human held this year and acknowledged volunteers that have worked 1,000 hours.

Heard from Liz Keogh regarding Bakersfield City vouchers. She informed that a budget meeting will be held Monday, January 25th, 2016 at noon, at City Hall North. She asks that everyone that can attend to please do so.

Heard from Katie Aguilar spoke about the problem of loose dogs on Weedpatch Highway. She would like to see mandatory spay/neuter become ordinance.

Heard from Stacy Enns who also states her concerns regarding backyard breeders and spaying/neutering.

E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

Heard from Director Cullen. He reports that the format of the Director's report has changed. Director Cullen highlights statistics for the Rescue program, Foster Program, TNR Program, spay/neuter programs and clinics, and vaccination clinics. Director Cullen also spoke about the Home for the Holidays adoption promotion and the adoption statistics, and the Volunteer Program. He spoke briefly on field services statistics. Director Cullen informed of a fundraiser that is being held by Sugardaddy's clothing store to help Animal Services. He also reported that Nathan Winograd will be presenting his film "Redemption" on February 17th, 2016.

Commissioner Madigan inquired about intake statistics from the Director's report in regards to Arvin and the City of Tehachapi. Director Cullen responded that the statistics Commissioner Madigan was inquiring about were only intakes from those two jurisdictions. Commissioner Madigan would like to see the City of Bakersfield statistics on the monthly report. She also comments on the field services statistics. Commissioner Madigan asks Director Cullen to

speak about the problem of loose animals on Weedpatch Highway. Director Cullen responds that typically sweeps are done by field staff however staffing levels do not allow that at the present time. He also comments that Blake Smith is working on a grant that would get spay/neuter funds to target the Lamont area. Commissioner Madigan asks about the linen project that was brought up in a previous meeting. Director Cullen explains the project.

Commissioner Geary request that the number of calls in field services be reported in the Directors report to which Director Cullen agrees to include. Commissioner Geary asks how the tablets are working for the officers. Director Cullen responds that the officers appreciate and like having access to information via the tablets in their trucks.

Commissioner Blackburn recognizes that Director Cullen's presentation to the Board in December was very well done. Director Cullen speaks briefly on the no kill goal set for Animal Services. Commissioner Blackburn requests that the statistics pages in the Director's report be numbered. He also inquired about how jurisdictions are listed on the report. Commissioner Blackburn commented that he would like to have the month-to-month statistics on the report in addition to the year-to-date.

Commissioner Taggart recognizes and praises staff for the increase in adoption rates.

Commissioner Anderson comments that she likes the new format of the Director's report.

Motion to Receive and File (*Madigan/Geary*) – All in favor.

G.3. – Volunteer Update

This item was heard out of order as listed on the agenda.

Heard from Jeff George, Volunteer Coordinator who presented Deborah Waits with an award and gift card for having reached 500 volunteer hours. Heard from Nicole Villacruz from Supervisor Perez's office who presented an award to Deborah Waits for her volunteer service. Deborah Waits spoke briefly about her volunteer experience at Animal Services.

Heard from Jeff George who reported the statistics of the Volunteer Program for the year of 2015. Jeff also reported on events and special projects that took place in 2015. Commissioner Geary asked what the work release is allowed to do; Jeff George responds. Commissioner Blackburn speaks on the volunteer hours. He also commends Debi Waits for her time. Commissioner Taggart commends the effort of the volunteers. Commissioner Madigan congratulates Debi Waits. Liz Keogh points out that Jeff does a monthly volunteer newsletter and an article called "Coordinator's Corner" that she believes are good tools for the Volunteer Program.

F. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

On their own initiative, Commissioners may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff, or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(a)).

Heard from Commissioner Madigan who asked Director Cullen about current disease control issues. Director Cullen responds. Commissioner Madigan spoke to the public presenters who spoke about backyard breeding and invited them to go and see Nathan Winograd's presentation. Commissioner Madigan also reported that she will not be at next month's meeting.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. SPAY/NEUTER FUNDS UPDATE

Heard from Blake Smith with an update to the spay/neuter efforts of Animal Services. He informs that the low income vouchers are being issued and being redeemed. He spoke about spay/neuter efforts in the outlying areas. Liz Keogh asked if there was a contingency plan if the low income voucher funds run out. Blake responds.

3. VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Was heard out of order after item **E.1.** – Director's Report.

4. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SUB-COMMITTEE

Heard from Commissioner Geary who reports that they continue to meet once a month. She presented a rough draft and it is going to be reviewed. They are also working on locations where large animals can go to in the event of an emergency. Commissioner Taggart is trying to get in contact with San Diego regarding liability issues.

5. FRIENDS OF THE KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERS UPDATE

Heard from Judi Daunell regarding the Pets for Vets go fund me account and the Pets for Vets adoption Program. Judi reports their voucher numbers for 2015. Judi also reports that they are working on a fundraiser and to keep an eye open for that.

6. REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE

Heard from Commissioner Anderson who stated that Amber would be helping with statistics to present to the Board.

7. INVITATION TO NATHAN WINOGRAD

Heard from Commissioner Anderson who informed that the location at the Board of Supervisors Chambers has been secured. She also informed that the California Federation of Dog Clubs would pay for food and that now they just need to find someone to prepare the food. Heard from Terri Kahn from the California Federation of Dog Clubs who confirmed they would pay for the refreshments for the Nathan Winograd event. Commissioner Anderson asked Bob Rutledge to help prepare food. Bob Rutledge agreed to help with food preparation. Commissioner Anderson, Director Cullen, Susan Madigan and Gary Blackburn discuss various details of the Nathan Winograd Event. Jerri Bradley suggest that a member of the Commission go to the Board of Supervisors meeting the week prior to the event and announce the event. Terri Kahn brings up the issue of having a quorum on the day of the event. Commissioner Anderson acknowledges and it is discussed that the Commission go dark the day of the event.

8. BUSINESS CARDS FOR COMMISSIONERS

Heard from Commissioner Madigan and Director Cullen. Director Cullen suggests that ID badges be provided for Commissioners. Jerri Bradley informs that business cards are not issued for security and cost reasons. Commissioner Anderson agrees that ID badges would be good for Commissioners.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion for the Commission to go dark in February and adjourn for the night (Taggart/Geary) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

March 16th, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Janice Anderson
Chairman

**A full recording of the proceedings can be heard at http://www.co.kern.ca.us/acd/AAC_AS.aspx*