

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

May 15th, 2024 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Couch – Supervisor
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner

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. April 17th, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - (Geary/Lopez) - 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

A. Email received 4/22/24 from Jennifer Blake regarding a lost dog.

- B. Email received 4/24/24 from Sean Sherlock requesting an appeal hearing regarding a decision to suspend his clients' Commercial Animal Facility Permit.

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 Kern Safe Animal Coalition.

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 Lopez concerning the possibility of creating pet friendly housing to help with the low adoption numbers.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning the Canadian transport that happened in April.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning SOS dog rescue and their spay/neuter activities.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning the volunteer numbers. He also asked about kitten being adopted at Petco.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her activity transporting, spaying and neutering cats in Tehachapi.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning her activity with CCADT.

Heard from Commissioner Lopez regarding her activities with the East Bakersfield Festival.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

June 19th, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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