

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

August 21st, 2024 – 6:00p.m.

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.
Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner
Ms. Lopez - 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. June 19th, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Taggart/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 008/01/24 from Mari Savage inquiring about spay and neuter for her dogs.
- B. Email received 08/07/24 from Stephanie Calderon requesting to lodge a complaint alleging animal neglect.
- C. Email received 08/19/24 from Melt Calocs advising that she believed her animal was in our care.

Motion to receive and file - (*Lopez/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.**

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 Christopher concerning the spay/neuter advertisements she saw on t.v. She also asked if there has been consideration on when the department may start accepting cat surrenders.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn who inquired about the new facility that is being proposed.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Christopher regarding her TNR activity.

Heard from Commissioner Lopez concerning her volunteer work at the library.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning the Parade of a thousand flags.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

September 18th, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Attest:

Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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