

MEETING SUMMARY



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011
10:00 AM



**Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Room 1060
Los Angeles, California 90012**

Melanie Ramsayer, President
Ruthanne Secunda, Vice-President
Tariq Khero
Terri Macellaro
Kathleen Riordan

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Commissioners Ramsayer, Secunda and Riordan were in attendance. Commissioner Khero and Macellaro were absent.

Meeting started at 10:25 AM.

1. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Approval of Commission Minutes for January 11, 2011

The Commission requested changes to the minutes. The minutes will be re-submitted at the meeting of February 8, 2011.

B. Oral Report by the Commissioners on Meetings and Events Attended

Commissioner Ramsayer: None

Commissioner Secunda: None

Commissioner Riordan: None

2. GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Extension of Contracts for As-Needed Veterinary Service Providers to Reimburse Spay/Neuter Surgeries.

General Manager Barnette indicated this was merely an extension of a contract.

Public Comment:

None

Commissioner Ramsayer made a motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation as stated. Commissioner Riordan seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of weather related problems at Shelters resulting from the recent rain storms.

Directors of Field Operation (DFO), Jan Selder and Mark Salazar appeared before the Board to report on conditions at the shelters, resulting from the recent rainstorms. DFO Salazar reported that the South Los Angeles Shelter experienced some plugged drains. Some water was draining into the "cubbies" due to poor caulking. The General Services Department (GSD) has done a fantastic job to respond to all of our service requests. Since September 1, 2010 GSD has responded to 487 service requests at the shelters. Of the total service requests 421 have been completed, and 66 are in progress (27 are fairly new requests, 30 days or less). One of the concerns was that some dog runs and kennels lacked heat. Most of the problems have been solved and the remainders are awaiting parts. DFO Selder explained the computerized system that is used to report building maintenance requests to GSD. She also covered rainwater problems at several shelters and what is being done to protect the animals.

Public Comment:

None

4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

- January 15th Best Friends adoption event at Northeast-Mission Shelter;
- Attended California Federation of Dog Clubs;
- Attended a meeting of LA Feeder, a group that feed neighborhood cats;
- A group of individuals tried to prevent transport of shelter animals to other jurisdiction. Such obstruction should not be tolerated and the proper authorities should be contacted and have the persons removed
- Attended the Winter Fluff Ball for Best Friends;
- January 30, an event to promote responsible pet ownership will be held at the West Los Angeles Shelter.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Cathie Turner: Spoke on the activities of her group, Concerned Dog Owners of California. Would be helpful to have multi-lingual information available at adoption locations. A bill has been sent to the legislative council. The group is looking for a legislative author for the bills. The bill will allow puppies that have microchips to obtain a puppy license prior to being spayed or neutered.

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6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Riordan: a report on the D-300's and the dog boarding permits. A report on dogs that have been transported, and adopted

Commissioner Ramsayer: A report on the dog boarding permits. A tutorial on Commission responsibilities in dealing with appeals.

Commissioner Secunda: Prioritize future agenda items that have been suggested in the past.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Commission meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., February 8, 2011, Los Angeles City Hall, Room 1060, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Commissioner Ramsayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Riordan seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

The meeting ended at 11:19 AM.