

MEETING SUMMARY



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Monday October 26, 2009
7:00 P.M.



**LOS ANGELES CITY HALL
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM 1060
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tariq Khero, President
Kathleen Riordan, Vice-President
Irene Ponce
Melanie Ramsayer
Ruthanne Secunda

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The meeting was called to order at 10:40 Am. Commissioners Secunda, Khero, and Ramsayer were present.

COMMISSION MEETING

1. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Following is a brief summary of activities conducted during the above time period as reported by Linda Barth, Assistant General Manager:

- Our Spay Day Event on Saturday, October 17, at East Valley was another great success. The Jason Debus Heigl Foundation and The Amanda Foundation partnered with us to accomplish 127 sterilization surgeries. All pets also received a free microchip, through a donation by AVID. The Heigl Foundation has agreed to fund one more Spay Day at SLA which will be held in Late November or early December. We have now completed 5 Spay Day Events this calendar year accomplishing 687 sterilization surgeries.
- The Heigl Foundation is also funding an event to assist our New Hope Partners. They generously donated \$18,000 specifically targeted to pay for the spay/neuter fee for 450 New Hope Adoptions. We immediately sent out notices to our New Hope Partners about this amazing donation so they can take full advantage of the promotion.
- Our Second Cat Promotion, funded by Found Animal Foundation, ended in August. The promotion allowed a 2-for-1 adoption price with FAF funding the adoption fees for the second cat at both Harbor and East Valley Centers. A total of 126 Second Cats got to go home via this event during the 6 week timeframe. We did see a noticeable increase in cat adoptions when compared to last year as a result of this promotion with no increase in redemptions. In fact, we only had 1 cat returned.

- ACTF presented 36 cases to the City Attorney or District Attorney in September with a total of 9 arrests. On September 10, 2009, a gang member was served a narcotics warrant. Detectives at the scene observed that the animals at the location were in poor condition and contacted ACTF. ACTF determined there was sufficient evidence of neglect. The party was arrested and the District Attorney filed three counts of felony neglect. A preliminary hearing was conducted during which he plead not guilty. He was held to answer on all charges.
- A chart detailing a 12 month trend on impounds and adoptions was distributed to the Commission.

Commissioner Secunda asked if the decrease in intakes was a recent event. AGM Barth indicated it was.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty – The question was asked about animals returned after they had been adopted and if any process was in place to track this trend.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the September 18, 2009 meeting was postponed to the next Board meeting.
- B. Oral Report by the Commission on Meetings and Events attended.

Commissioners Khoro and Secunda had nothing to report. Commissioner Ramsayer attended an adoption event for Halloween.

- C. Change in Meeting Day for Commission Meetings

Board President Khoro made a motion to change the Commission Meeting day from the second and fourth Monday of each month to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The time and place for daytime meetings would remain the same, unless otherwise noted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramsayer and approved 3-0.

3. GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FOR BOARD ACTION

- A. Clarifications and Minor Modifications to the Design for the New South Los Angeles Animal Care Center

Sr. Management Analyst, Linda Gordon, New Shelter Project Manager, outlined the planned construction changes to the new South Los Angeles Shelter. The new shelter is currently in the planning review stage and is scheduled to go out to bid within the next month. Questions were raised by Commission members at a

previous meeting. Some of the items reported on were bullet resistant glass at the front counter, drop-in kennels, and fiberglass reinforced plastic panels for some of the rooms. Ms. Gordon indicated that all changes were within the construction budget.

Commissioner Khero motioned to accept and file the report as presented. Commissioner Secunda seconded the motion that was approved on a 3-0 vote.

B. Barking Dog Noise Definitions, Appeal Processes, and Dangerous Dog Alternatives Relative to Dog License Revocations

AGM Barth outlined the recommended changes to the Barking and Dangerous dog appeal process. Copies of the proposed code changes were presented to the Board for their review. Commissioner Khero requested the proposed ordinance changes be returned to the Board prior to approval by the City Council.

Public Comment: Phyllis Daugherty commented on the proposed fee changes within the ordinance and the fatal attacks of dogs upon humans.

Commissioner Khero motioned to accept and file the report as presented. Commissioner Secunda seconded the motion that was approved on a 3-0 vote.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - (Comments from the public on items of public interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction and on items not on the Agenda.)

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. An updated copy of the Commission's proposed agenda items was presented to the Board.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Khero made a motion to adjourn and the Commissioner Ramsayer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled at City Hall for 10:00 A.M., November 10, 2009.