

# South Pasadena Animal Commission (SPAC) Special Meeting Minutes

**Monday, February 4, 2019**

**Emergency Operating Center, Police Department – 6:30 pm  
1424 Mission Street  
South Pasadena, CA 91030**

**Attendance:**

Erin Fleming (EF), Yvonne Banzali (YB), Katherine Offenhauser (KO),  
Elisabeth Emirhanian (EE), Catherine Kelly(CK)  
City Councilmember Dr. Rick Schneider (RS), Council Liaison  
Acting Police Captain Jim Valencia (JM), Outgoing Staff Liaison, Acting Police Captain Tom  
Jacobs, Staff Liaison (TJ)

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 7, 2019 1<sup>st</sup> EE/, 2<sup>nd</sup> KO/ Passed Unanimously
- 3) **LIAISON REPORTS/COMMENTS**
  - a. Council Liaison Report: Dr. Rick Schneider is the new Council Liaison.
  - b. Staff Liaison Report:
    - i. Acting Tom Jacobs is our new staff liaison. JV will help out for a meeting or two.
    - ii. JV presented the proposed Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of all Commercially Bred Animals to the commission. JV will continue to be the point person for the ordinance until it is presented to the city council.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS –**
  - a. Tracy Reiman, a South Pasadena Resident and executive vice president of PETA was in support of the Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale of Animals. She would have preferred a ban on all animals, but supports the ordinance as it stands today and will supply a letter of support.
  - b. The discussion item related to the Amended Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of All Commercially bred Animals with the Exemption of Feeder Animals was thoroughly discussed at this time.
    - i. There was discussion about whether to spell out the animals covered in the ordinance or to keep it at high level. RS preferred to not list the animals. The commission asked JV to change the definition of animal to Vertebrates and Arachnids.
    - ii. The commission directed JV to take out the wording “Commercially bred” The commission split on this so it was decided that two ordinances, subject to legal review, would be presented to the city council. One with an exemption and one without.

- iii. EE asked if there was going to be an effective date – i.e. 90 days from passage?

**Action Items: JV will rework the ordinance with the changes listed above and pass it by the City legal counsel and present it to the commission at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

- c. Bee Simpson, a South Pasadena resident, shared information regarding the Pasadena Urban Management Plan and the upcoming meeting in Pasadena on February 13 regarding that plan.

**Action Item: EE will email the information to the commission members**

**5) DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: EE was elected as chair: 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> YB/ Passed Unanimously. EF was elected as vice chair. 1<sup>st</sup> YB/ 2<sup>nd</sup> CK/ Passed Unanimously. The taking of the meeting minutes will be rotated amongst the commissioners.
- B. Update on Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of All Commercially Bred Animals and Penalty – This was discussed during public comments. See above.
- C. Guest speakers: Tracy Reiman. See public comments above. Elisabeth Campos did not attend.
- D. 2019 Work Plan. JV shared the work plan for the commission. See attached.

Action Items: JV will make the following changes:

- change the date for “Doggy Days and Cats Too” to April.
- add a dog parade to item 7 – Celebrating the Dog Park Anniversary
- add a Mosquito Presentation in July

- E. Commission Congress on February 28, 2019.

**Action Item: JV will send out invitation again. Commissioners need to RSVP**

- F. Update on Coyote Presentation on February 27.  
a. BE shared the information regarding the presentation:

**COEXISTING WITH COYOTES**

Sponsored by the South Pasadena Animal Commission  
Visual presentation & Q&A by the Pasadena Humane Society  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
**South Pasadena Library Community Room**

- b. John Pope, the South Pasadena Information Officer, will be sharing this information as will the South Pasadena Library.

**Action Item: EE will contact the South Pasadena newspapers and send out the flyer and info to the commissioners and schools.**

G. Designation of March 4, 2019 meeting as Special Meeting due to Brown Act Training. The training will begin at 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7:30.

**6) OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**7) PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS for SPAC Special Meeting on February 4, 2019**



- a. Update on Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of All Commercially Bred Animals and Penalty
- b. Spray/Neutering Ordinance

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- a. Update on Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of All Commercially Bred Animals and Penalty
- b. Spray/Neutering Ordinance
- c. Doggy Days and Cats Too – April 6
- d. Be Kind To Animal Week
- e. Review of Animal Commission duties and responsibilities
- f. Recap Coyote Presentation

9) Meeting was adjourned 8:40 1<sup>st</sup> CK/2<sup>nd</sup> EF

Minutes submitted by Elisabeth Emirhanian 2-5-19

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