

MINUTES

**South Pasadena Animal Commission (SPAC)
1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030**

**Monday, March 3, 2019
Police & Fire Command Center – 7:30 pm**

South Pasadena Animal Commission

In attendance: Betty Emerhanian, Katherine Offenhauser, Erin Fleming, and Catherine Kelly
Not present: Yvonne Banzali

City Councilmember Dr. Richard Schneider, Council Liaison
Acting Police Captain Tom Jacobs, Staff Liaison with Sargeant Jim Valencia

Public in Attendance: Tracy Reiman of PETA, Jack Hagerman of the Pasadena Humane Society,
and Elizabeth Richter Campos of the Pasadena Humane Society

1) MINUTES from February 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM. Catherine Kelly moved to approve February 4, 2019 Minutes. Erin Fleming seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

2) LIAISON REPORTS/COMMENTS

- a. Council Liaison Report :: Dr. Schneider had nothing to report to the Commission.
- b. Staff Liaison Report :: Before the Commission is a revised draft of the Ordinance regarding the Prohibiting the Sale of All Commercially Bred Animals.

3) PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Public comment :: No Comments

4) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) **Amending the Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of All Commercially Bred Animals**
Read Page 2 the section in Italics. Tracy Reiman brought up the issue of fish as there is no definition of fish as animals. Most fish for sale are not bred but live caught in the wild in foreign countries and shipped to the U.S. in deplorable conditions.
Erin Fleming moved to add fish to the ordinance and it was seconded by Katherine Offenhauser. Vote was taken and it was 3/1 in favor of adding fish to the

revised ordinance. Dr. Schneider said that if City Council disagrees with that item that they can line item delete that change to the ordinance.

Votes in favor were Erin Fleming, Katherine Offenhauser, Catherine Kelly. Vote against was Betty Emerhanian in a practical matter because she felt that Council would not approve the ordinance that we've worked on for nearly two years.

ACTION STEPS: Tom Jacobs / Jim Valencia will provide copies of the new draft at the April 1, 2019 Commission Meeting.

b) Coyote Speaker Presentation Recap from February 27, 2019

We had about 45 people in attendance and the speaker from Pasadena Humane Society was informative and engaging. The consensus was that the Speaker Series was well attended and the community appreciated the information.

TO ACCOMMODATE THE GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE, THE COMMISSION MOVED AGENDA ITEM D AHEAD OF AGENDA ITEM C.

d) Spay/Neuter Ordinance

Elizabeth Richter-Campos was going to email the Pasadena Ordinance to Jim Valencia and Tom Jacobs. She stated a few key items that could be improved upon: 1.) reducing the wait time for the ordinance to begin and constituents to comply, 2.) providing education to the community to help with low cost spay/neuter at PHS&SPCA. In Pasadena the registration fee for an "intact animal" is 3 times the amount compared to the fee for the neutered animal. PHS believes that there are beneficial behavioral outcomes, health outcomes, and community outcomes (with respect to dog bites it is usually an intact male or a nursing female).

When the Commission moves forward with this ordinance we would like to designate comments from residents vs Non-residents. While it is hard to enforce with residents being on the "honor system", we believe it is still worthy. South Pasadena residents would need to provide proof of need for an intact animal such as the animals' job of breeding or health related issues. In Pasadena the age to neuter is 4-6 months of age. Additionally, PHS&SPCA hired an additional veterinarian for their SNIP program.

Tracy Reiman from PETA stated that PETA supports the stand of PHS&SPCA

ACTION STEPS: Tom Jacobs / Jim Valencia will provide copies of the Pasadena, Los Angeles, and City of Orange Ordinances on Mandatory Spay/Neuter to the Commission at the April 1, 2019 meeting.

c) Be Kind To Animals Event :: May 6, 2019

Reviewed and corrected flyer.

Pasadena Humane will not be able to provide an adoption vehicle but will provide a volunteer and a table with information.

Katherine Offenhauser contacted the San Gabriel SPCA to provide an adoption vehicle and is waiting to hear back.

Erin Fleming secured the Community Room of the Public Library for the event and will email Maida Wong to send out the new flyer to SPUSD.

The subject of handouts for the children has been tabled to the April 1, 2019 meeting.

ACTION STEPS: Tom Jacobs / Jim Valencia will reserve the Mayor's Conference Room in the Council Chambers of City Hall for April 28 at 9am-12 pm to assemble the artwork.

e) Doggy Days and Cats, Too :: April 6, 2019

ACTION STEPS: Elizabeth Emerhanian will donate some prizes for the spinning wheel of animal related questions. She will reach out to the Youth Commission for volunteers. She will email everyone to obtain a schedule of manning the booth. Tom Jacobs will have a cadet set up the table, tent, and banner.

5) OLD BUSINESS

None

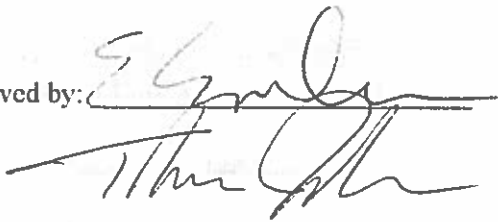
6) PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS for SPAC meeting on April 1, 2019

- Review progress with City Ordinance to Ban the Sale of Live Animals
- Review Spay/Neuter Ordinance
- Be Kind to Animals Event
- Duties & responsibilities

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was moved by Catherine Kelly and seconded by Betty Emerhanian at 9:17 PM

Approved by:



Date:

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