

## MINUTES

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

Monday, November 4, 2019 :: Emergency Operating Center of SPPD – 6:30 pm

### South Pasadena Animal Commission

In attendance: Elisabeth Emerhanian, Erin Fleming,  
Katherine Offenhauser, Evie Porter, and Jason Rosner

City Councilmember Dr. Richard Schneider, Council Liaison (present)  
Acting Police Captain Tom Jacobs, Staff Liaison (present)  
SPPD Chief Joe Ortiz

Public in Attendance: Schlomo Nitzani, John Haglund, PETA Representative Lisa Lange

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#### 1) MINUTES from September 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Elisabeth Emerhanian corrected the September 9, 2019 minutes. Correction was substantial to one section therefore those minutes will come back re-typed for approval at the January 6, 2020 meeting.

#### 2) LIAISON REPORTS/COMMENTS

- a. Staff Liaison Report :: Council is ready to hear modification of ordinance Banning the Sale of Live Animals.  
— Elisabeth Emerhanian moved to put off that ordinance until next Spring due to so few SPAC Commissioners having reviewed the material in creating the modification. Erin Fleming seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. SPAC will present their modifications when they have a full set of Commissioners that agree to move the modification of the ordinance forward to Council.

Prepared Staff Report to move modification of Peafowl Ordinance forward to Council.

— Commissioners expressed wanting to incorporate intricacies of other ordinances reviewed to write a new one. CTO and Public Forum to discuss with residents.

- b. Councilmember Liaison Report :: None

#### 3) PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Public comment :: Both residents in attendance were present to discuss peafowl nuisance issues. Commissioners agreed to move that discussion item up to better accommodate attendees.

#### 4) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. Elisabeth Emerhanian regrettfully announced her resignation from SPAC effective November 5, 2019 due to increasing night-time family responsibilities.

#### 5) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) **Peafowl** :: Pulled Staff Report heading to Council in December 2019 to see if there are ways currently available to address the problem.

John Haglund spoke that he had peacock damage to his roof. The roof lasted only 15 years instead of 30 years and cost \$25,000+. There are more young peacocks than ever before. There is an over-abundance of peacock sightseers in the neighborhood and he is concerned about angry traffic with drivers over correcting to swerve and speed in the neighborhood. He witnesses two near accidents personally while walking his dog. Mr. Haglund is additionally concerned with the disease and contamination due to a lot feces associated with the animals.

Schlomo Nitzani spoke that he is not happy with SPAC's action to the problem. He feels an education plan is not enough. He wants peafowl moved away.

Lisa Lange from PETA spoke that feeding is the real issue because the other issues go away when the resources are removed. Fining people for feeding wild animals works as does signage.

Police Chief Joe Ortiz and Councilmember Dr. Schneider stated that SPPD would/could provide additional patrols for traffic violations in Monterrey Hills due to peafowl tourists.

Commissioner discussion addressing Mr. Nitzani's statements were that the current bird flu and New Castle's disease situation meant that any consideration of moving peafowl was mute. Best to focus on issue of feeding, signage and traffic enforcement. Lisa from PETA said that they could help design the signs. Additionally Erin Fleming suggested that we get a flyer of feeding peafowl and peafowl issues to school children at Monterrey Hills Elementary as kids love to educate their parents. Jason Rosner suggested that we indicate food sources in home grown and community gardens.

Elisabeth Emirhanian moved for staff report on peafowl to include education, intentional feeding, and signage with a fine. Erin Fleming seconded the motion. Vote was animus and motion carries. We intend to have SPAC Recommendation to council in January.

- b) **Be Kind to Animals** :: Evie Porter took notebook for the event planning for BKTA to review. Evie and Erin will Co-Chair the event.

- c) **Proposed Spay/Neuter Ordinance** :: Tom Jacobs provided several city ordinances for SPAC to examine to prevent the City Attorney from having to go back and forth with additions. Jason Rosner suggested that we have an add-on exemption "for religious reasons". Erin Fleming suggested that advice offered by Elizabeth Richter-Campos of the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is important to consider.

Further study and consideration is needed and topic has been tabled until September 9, 2019 meeting.

- d) **Calendar** :: Need Speaker for February for Co-Existing with Wildlife and June for Vector Control. Will use a public forum to educate and learn about residents' issues with peafowl, modifying the SP ordinance on the Ban of Live Animal Sale, and potential spay/neuter ordinance. As a reminder SPAC meetings are the first Monday of January, March, April, June, August, and November 2020.
- e) **Dog Park Spay/Neuter Regulation**:: Tom Jacobs indicated that we would have to modify the ordinance to include a requirement that only spayed/neutered animals are allowed at the South Pawsadena Dog Park. Commissioners wanted to see the extent of the injury issue at SPAC before beginning work on a modification.

ACTION ITEM: Erin Fleming to contact Pasadena SPCA to get intake report from our Dog Park.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

6) **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS for SPAC meeting on January 6, 2020**

- Approval of September 2019 and November 2019 minutes
- Vote for SPAC Chair & Vice-Chair
- Peafowl / Feeding Wildlife
- Obtaining 2020 Speakers
- Be Kind To Animals

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was moved by Jason Rosner and seconded by Erin Fleming at 8:20 PM.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: January 6, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

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