



Coachella Valley Animal Campus

COMMISSION MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE THAT ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA MAY RESULT IN ACTION TAKEN BY THE ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Coachella Valley Animal Campus Commission is as follows:

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Commission Meeting
CVAG Conference Room 115
73-710 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, Calif.

Animal Campus Commission



City of Cathedral City

Councilmember Sam Toles

City of Coachella

TBD



City of Desert Hot Springs

Councilmember Karl Baker, Jr.
Vice-Chair

City of Indian Wells

Councilmember Mary Roche



City of La Quinta

Councilmember Kristy Franklin

City of Palm Desert

Councilmember Cindy Finerty
Chairperson



City of Rancho Mirage

Councilmember G. Dana Hobart

County of Riverside

John J. Benoit, 4th District
Marion Ashley, 5th District

Animal Samaritans

Al Vasquez, President
Ex-Officio



County Staff

Noel Loughrin
Board Assistant



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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Cindy Finerty, Councilmember, City of Palm Desert

Commission Members present:

Councilmember Sam Toles, Cathedral City
Councilmember Mary Roche, Indian Wells
Deby Conrad (Proxy), La Quinta
Councilmember Cindy Finerty, Palm Desert
Councilmember G. Dana Hobart, Rancho Mirage
Supervisor John J. Benoit, Riverside County

Others present:

Mel Windsor, City of Indian Wells
Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services
Frank Corvino, Deputy Director Animal Services
Betsey Webster, Deputy Director Animal Services
Fred Saunders, Director Animal Samaritans
Jacqueline Mercier
Susan Jacoy
Michelle DeArmond, County of Riverside
Noel Loughrin, County of Riverside

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2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA

IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS YOU WANT ADDED TO THE AGENDA, THE BROWN ACT REQUIRES THAT YOU DO SO AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Commission approved agenda

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR ANY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Jacqueline Mercier provided an update on Lucy's Law. She is still looking for an elected in the state senate or assembly to author the bill. Language has been drafted.

4. ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR ANY MEMBER WISHING TO ADDRESS THE ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION TO DO SO.

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission approved the January 13, 2011 meeting minutes.

7. ADOPTION PARTNER COORDINATOR

Animal Samaritans currently has a staff person assigned to work on animal rescue until funding for the Adoption Coordinator has been finalized. Both Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert have committed \$20,000 (\$40,000 total) to fund this position. Indian Wells committed \$1,620 for this position. It is expected that the Adoption Partner Coordinator will cost \$57,000. Animal Samaritans will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Palm Desert for this position. Once this is completed Animal Samaritans will begin the hiring process.

8. ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS OVERVIEW

To be discussed at the May 12 meeting

9. COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

- a. Publicity: John Welsh, Public Information Chief, Animal Services
- b. Update: Frank Corvino, Deputy Director, Field and Shelter Services

Staff report with data from January 13, 2011 through March 10, 2011 provided by Robert Miller, Director of Department of Animal Services.

Shelter Impounds 7/01/10 through 1/31/11:

- Unincorporated Communities (RC)- 33%
- Cathedral City- 16% (885 animals)
- Coachella- 13% (793 animals)
- Desert Hot Springs- 19% (1,121 animals)
- Indian Wells- 0.3% (20 animals)
- La Quinta- 9% (526 animals)
- Palm Desert- 7% (381 animals)
- Rancho Mirage- 3% (178 animals)

Councilmember Finerty asked the Department of Animals Services to provide the Animal Campus Commission with the Staff Report a few days prior to the meeting so the commissioners have time to review the data.

10. ANIMAL SAMARITANS – Fred Saunders, Executive Director

New Animal Samaritans clinic is doing well and will be expanding services soon.

11. FRIENDS OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS – Sam Esposito

No update

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Animal Campus Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the ***Coachella Valley Animal Campus, Thousand Palms.***

13. ADJOURNMENT