



Coachella Valley Animal Campus COMMISSION MINUTES

Animal Campus Commission



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Councilmember Elaine Holmes
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City of Palm Desert

Frankie Riddle

City of Rancho Mirage

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County of Riverside

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

Animal Samaritans

Betty Maytag, President
Ex-Officio

County Staff

Carol-Ann Myers
Executive Assistant

Thursday, January 9, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Commission Meeting

Coachella Valley Animal Campus
72-050 Pet Land Place,
Thousand Palms, CA 92276.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Animal Campus Commission Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 9:37 a.m. at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus, 72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, CA, by Chairwoman Kristy Franklin, Councilmember for the City of La Quinta.

A roll call was conducted and it was determined that there was a quorum. The following were present:

Members in Attendance:

Supervisor John J. Benoit, County of Riverside
Kristy Franklin, Councilmember, City of La Quinta
Mary Roche, Councilmember, City of Indian Wells
Frankie Riddle, City of Palm Desert
Fred Saunders, Animal Samaritans, Ex Officio

Others in attendance:

Earl Moss, Police Captain, City of Cathedral City (**proxy to vote**)
David Garcia, City Manager, Coachella (**authorized to vote**)
Jason Chan, Sr. Management Analyst, Indio (**authorized to vote**)
Robert Miller, County Animal Services
Frank Corvino, County Animal Services
Kim McWhorter, County Animal Services
Veronica Ramos, County of Riverside
Carol-Ann Myers, County Animal Services
Lindi Biggi, Loving All Animals
Kim Hardee, Indio Resident

2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as submitted

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Hardee-Resident of Indio: Introduced the upcoming outreach event involving County Animal Services, Lucy Pet Foundation, and Animal Action League. Kim is appreciative of the efforts from all organizations.

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4. **ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**
Chairwoman Kristy Franklin motioned to have the pledge of allegiance added to the agenda. All members were in favor and the Pledge of Allegiance will now be conducted at the start of the Commission Meetings.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter authorizing proxy voting rights to Earl Moss (Cathedral City), for the January 9th, 2014 meeting. Letter authorizing proxy voting rights to David Garcia (Coachella City), for the January 9th, 2014 meeting
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved as submitted. m/s Roche/Moss
7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014:**
Mary Roche nominated for Chair m/s Franklin/ Holmes
Elaine Holmes nominated for Vice-Chair m/s Franklin/ Supervisor Benoit
8. **COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES:**
 - **Robert Miller, Director:**
 - Rob Miller was concerned at the previous meeting regarding the statistics. The only incorrect data reported was the impound data for the City of Palm Desert. The correction has been made with the report on file with the Department. If anyone would like a copy of the correct report they may contact County Animal Services. The Department will follow up with the City of Palm Desert in regards to the data and provide them the correct data. Currently the Department is in the process of preparing the annual Rabies Report. The report is expected to be complete by the next Commission Meeting for discussion. The data is evaluated regularly to prevent mistakes as it is a live database.
 - The Spay/Neuter & Vaccine Event is January 24 & 25 in the City of Indio. The event was derived from Jaqueline Mercier whom is in connection with The Lucy Pet Foundation. Robert Miller noted that the event would not be possible if it wasn't for Jaqueline Mercier's relationship with the Foundation. The Foundation traveled with their Mobile Clinic to the County where they committed to bringing in their unit at no charge to Indio Residence to provide spay/neuter, and vaccination services. All spay/neuter surgeries will be through appointments only. Animal Samaritans will also be involved in the vaccine clinic as well as possibly transporting larger dogs to their facility to be altered. Animal Action League will also be present at the event performing surgeries on their mobile unit. There will be no residency requirement for this event to receive services. The County hopes this is a staging ground to developing a deeper relationship and brings more opportunities to the public.
 - Target Zero Institute (TZI) presented to the department their program, and the goal of the program to reach a 10% euthanasia rate. Rob Miller has been involved with meetings in regarding to this initiative. At some point there may be a presentation to the Commission.

- **Frank Corvino Deputy Director:**

- **Facilities:** The Shelter is currently in phase three of redoing the kennels. After this phase there is one more until the project is complete. The Department is pleased with all of the outcomes from each phase. The projects should be completed in five weeks.

- **Case updates:**

- No current case updates

9. **ANIMAL SAMARITANS & ADOPTION ALLIANCE UPDATE- Fred Saunders Executive Director**

- The Board has approved Animal Samaritans to purchasing a satellite facility where services will be provided. Fred Saunders would like to have a surgical suite as well as offer vaccination and Zeuterin at this satellite facility. In October Animal Samaritans provided a free vaccination clinic in Mecca from receiving a grant, where they ran out of vaccinations due to the volume. They performed microchip services and over 180 vaccinations were given.
- Animal Samaritans received a 23,000 grant from the Community Foundation which allowed them to allocate it toward adoptions through the Adoption Alliance Program (AAP). There are currently 135 groups involved in the AAP. Last year through the AAP 1,867 animals were rescued. They have now reached 4,500 animals rescued in total in the two years the program has been running. The program has been run through grants and donations. Initially the program was generated through the help of Palm Desert, and Rancho Mirage. The program also received 10,000 which are put toward the "Skipper Fund"; the money will go toward medical expenses for rescued animals. Robert Miller would like to see this program continued and to bring to everyone's attention should at any point funding become an issue.
- Expansion of 11 thousand square feet to add to the current facility is in the design stage of the project. The expansion will include administration offices, shelter, adoption center, and an interactive learning center for children.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting is March 13, 2014 at 9:30AM at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments. 73-710 Fred Waring Drive Palm Desert, CA 92260

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Mary Roche, City of Indian Wells, adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.