



Coachella Valley Animal Campus

COMMISSION MINUTES

Animal Campus Commission



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Betty Maytag, President
Ex-Officio

County Staff

Carol-Ann Myers
Executive Assistant

Thursday, May 8, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Commission Meeting

CVAC

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, May 8, 2014 at 9:45 a.m. at the CVAC, 72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, CA, by Chairwoman Mary Roche, Councilmember for the City of Indian Wells.

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

Members in Attendance:

Mary Roche, Councilmember, City of Indian Wells
Elaine Holmes, Councilmember, City of Indio
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**)
Patricia Cooper, County of Riverside (**proxy 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
Michelle Bergeron, Animal Samaritans
Kim Hardee, Coachella Animal Network

2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as submitted

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Hardee (Coachella Animal Network): May 16, 2014 C.A.N. will be having a clinic for residents with citations. June 20 & 21 will also be a Zeuterin and vaccination clinic. A T.N.R clinic was held with Animal Samaritans and Forever Meows where 46 cats were altered. Citations being received by County Animal Services for pet owners who are in violation were discussed and how these citations are being perceived by the residents. The County is willing to work with residents; in order to do so communication needs to take part and those receiving citations need to contact County Animal Services. An informational pamphlet will be developed in English and Spanish, which will be distributed along with citations to residents.

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4. **ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS:** The Commission wanted to receive an update on the trust funds that were to be donated to County Animal Services to be used toward the greatest need of the animals. To date the County has received \$2,000 and will be using it for a Spay/ Neuter event in Mecca. The president of the County's Non-Profit Organization has been in contact with the donor. A contract does not seem to be required at this point after consulting an attorney.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter authorizing proxy voting rights to Earl Moss (Cathedral City), for the May 8, 2014 meeting. Letter authorizing proxy voting rights to Patricia Cooper (Riverside County), for the May 8, 2014 meeting.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved as submitted. m/s Riddle/Holmes
7. **COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES- Robert Miller Director:** The M.E.O.W.S project is still pending completion to launch. The Department has been working with various valley animal organizations in strategic planning meetings in order to discuss concerns and solutions to benefit the animals. Rob Miller said the meetings have been productive and there has been a great sense of collaboration. The next Strategic Planning Meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2014. The Department will present the plan to the commission once it is completed. The Department has received approval to move forward with purchasing the tractor for the Mobile Spay/ Neuter Bus; it will be purchased by January 1, 2015.
 - **John Welsh, Public Information Officer:** KMIR news piece was discussed in terms of the falsification of the County Integrated Canine Licensing Program (ICLP).
 - **Frank Corvino Deputy Director:**
 - **Facilities:** The floor project is being revisited as various areas throughout the shelter needing repairs. Within the next week the Food Preparation area will be completed.
 - **Events:** The "Shane's War Pardon Event" is taking place May 19-24 at the Coachella Valley Shelter. During this week the Department is committing to no euthanasia of shelter animals unless the animal is suffering or it is court ordered. The Department is utilizing local rescues and the media in order to promote the event. There will be no operational changes.
 - **Case updates:** The department is seeing an influx in reported Cock Fights County-Wide.
8. **ANIMAL SAMARITANS & ADOPTION ALLIANCE UPDATE- Fred Saunders Executive Director:** Off-site modular offices will be placed in the back of the Animal Samaritans clinic in order to increase space within the shelter. Animal Samaritans has submitted an application in order to obtain grants to build a spay/ neuter clinic the East Valley. Fred Saunders also gave credit to County Animal Services as a professional organization that he is glad to be associated with. Mr. Saunders offered assistance from his organization in distributing informational flyers/ pamphlets to the community. The Adoption alliance program currently has 180 rescue groups on board. The program rescued out 289 animals during the month of April. They have also broken a record for the amount of animals rescued through the program.
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting is July 10, 2014 at 9:30AM at the CVAG. 73-710 Fred Waring Drive Palm Desert, CA 92260.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Mary Roche, City of Indian Wells, adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.