



Coachella Valley Animal Campus

COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Commission Meeting

Coachella Valley Animal Campus

72-050 Pet Land Place

Thousand Palms, CA 92276

Animal Campus Commission



City of Cathedral City

Councilmember Stan Henry



City of Coachella

Councilmember Steven Hernandez

Noelia Chapa (Alternate)

City of Desert Hot Springs

Councilmember Adam Sanchez

City of Indian Wells

Mayor Mary Roche

Vice-Chair

City of Indio

Mayor Elaine Holmes

Jason Chan (Alternate)

City of La Quinta

Mayor Pro-Tem Kristy Franklin

Chair

City of Palm Desert

Frankie Riddle

City of Rancho Mirage

Councilmember G. Dana Hobart

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

1.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Kristy Franklin, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of La Quinta called this meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Mayor Elaine Holmes, City of Indio

Mayor Pro-Tem Kristy Franklin, City of La Quinta

Frankie Riddle, City of Palm Desert

Others in attendance:

Earl Moss, Police Captain, City of Cathedral City (**proxy to vote**)

Noelia Chapa, City of Coachella (**authorized to vote**)

Mel Windsor, Indian Wells (**proxy to vote**)

Patricia Coopers, County of Riverside (**proxy to vote**)

Jason Chan, Sr. Management Analyst

Fred Saunders, Animal Samaritans

Janet McAfee, Loving All Animals

Lindi Biggi, Loving All Animals

Robert Miller, County Animal Services

Frank Corvino, County Animal Services

Kim McWhorter, County Animal Services

Dr. Allan Drusys, County Animal Services

John Welsh, County Animal Services

Veronica Ramos, County Animal Services

Carol-Ann Myers, County Animal Services

1. **FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:**

A correction was made to update the title for Earl Moss to Police Captain for Cathedral City.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Lindi Biggi and Janet McAfee with "Loving All Animals" rescue group were introduced and provided a brochure for an adoption event taking place at White Water Park on November 23rd & 24th 2013. Loving All Animals encouraged all cities to submit information ASAP if that they would like to be included in the brochure for the event.
- Kim Hardee a citizen of Indio expressed her concerns in regards to helping those who have low income and are not able to spay/neuter their pets. DAS will be deploying their spay/neuter Mobile Bus as part of the Indio Contract. Also Ms. Hardee would like there to be a closer location where constituents can purchase their licenses. Mr. Miller clarified constituents can pay online or purchase a temporary license from the City.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED:

Ms. Hardee would like the amnesty for the City of Indio to be extended. DAS will talk with the City and this item will be discussed with an update at the next Commission Meeting.

3. ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

None

- 4. CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter authorizing proxy voting rights to Chief of Police Earl Moss (Cathedral City), Noelia Chapa (Coachella) and Mel Windsor (Indian Wells) for the September 18, 2013 meeting.

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved as submitted: m/s Holmes/Chapa

6. COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES:

• Robert Miller, Director:

- There are errors in the Staff Report as Mr. Miller has personally been tracking the live outcome statistics. Mr. Miller said that this has been the highest number of live outcomes that he has seen since the start of his career with DAS 8 years ago. Mr. Miller gave credit to Kimberly McWhorter, Program Chief, for the numerous grants obtained that allowed DAS to deploy the Spay/Neuter Bus.

• John Welsh, Public Information Chief:

- The department is currently participating in the Rachel Ray 100K challenge. DAS is competing amongst shelters across the US. The winning shelter will receive 100K in grant money. DAS was the number 1 contender throughout the shelter. Prior to the challenge ending they offered various adoption specials. The challenge winner will be announced September 30, 2013.

• Frank Corvino Deputy Director:

- There are currently no dogs left on the Schwenn property. Animal Control continues to monitor and leave food on the property.
- DAS received final estimates for the Coachella Valley Animal Campus shelter repairs and they are scheduled for the end of this year. DAS is looking into growing their volunteer program by networking with another group. Space is limited so additional space may be added in the activity yard in order to house volunteers and activities. This will be funded through o/m chargers from the City, the balance will be covered by the Department. There is enough money accumulated to accomplish a majority of the pending projects.

Upcoming events:

- October 19th – Mega Match-A-Thon, Dogtoberfest, Chevy Cadillac of La Quinta will be subsidizing \$20 of the adoption price at their adoption event
- November 9th- Walk for Animals in , PetExpo
- November 23rd & 24th- Loving All Animals adoption event
- December 14th & 15th- "The River" annual adoption event

- **Dr. Allan Drusys Chief Veterinarian:**

- On October 8th the Mandatory Pit-bull sterilization ordinance will be on the board agenda. If this is adopted by the Board of Supervisors it will require that all Pit-bull breed dogs be sterilized as a condition of licensure. Zeuterin is recognized as being altered by the Department. A public hearing is anticipated to take place two weeks following the board meeting.
- The ordinance will not require that all cities adopt the ordinance - it is up to each jurisdiction to adopt any part of Title VI.
- There may be funds available to assist those who cannot afford to sterilize their pet and abide by the ordinance.

7. ANIMAL SAMARITANS & ADOPTION ALLIANCE UPDATE-

- Vaccination and microchip clinic will take place in Mecca on November 19, 2013. The County has been invited to participate. The 2nd event will be in Coachella. Animal Samaritans expects to have a big turnout of over 800 vaccinations. There is no official date but it is projected to take place in January. Animal Samaritans is currently expanding their services.
- Plan on expanding clinic locations. One will be in the East Valley and will go to the next board meeting for board approval.
- Have reached 4,000 animals rescued in the Adoption Alliance Program. A majority of them have come from the Coachella Valley Shelter. There are two full time staff currently working with the program. Through this program, animals are transported throughout the US.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commission Members voted and next meeting is November 14, 2013 at 10:00AM, rather than 9:30AM, at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments room 115.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kristy Franklin, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of La Quinta adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.