

**CITY OF COSTA MESA**  
**MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**June 20, 2018; 5:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Animal Services Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jay Litvak at 5:32 p.m. on June 20, 2018 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

Roll Call

**Present:** Chair Jay Litvak, Vice Chair Tracy Hughes, Committee members Marilyn Brooks, Harriet Brown, Dana Lavin, Christie McDaniel, Becca Walls, and alternate members Linda Kwoun and Angela Minjares

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Justin Martin, Parks & Community Services Director; Tracy Habiger, Recreation Coordinator; McKenna Ewing, Recreation Leader IV; Police Sergeant Victor Bakkila; Animal Control Officer Anna Rodriguez

2. **Approval of the May 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Committee member McDaniel moves to approve the minutes/Seconded by Committee member Lavin.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Litvak and Committee members Brooks, Brown, Lavin, McDaniel, and Walls

Nays: none

Absent: Vice Chair Hughes (was not present for the vote)

Motion Carried: 6-0-1

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Patricia Snodgrass, resident, commented on the new City website and noted that a link posted online did not work accurately.

Chair Litvak closed Public Comments.

4. **PRESENTATION**

Animal Control Update

Sergeant Victor Bakkila and Animal Control Officer Anna Rodriguez provided an update on field euthanasia, the process of impounding wildlife animals, and the importance of licensing and vaccinating pets.

## Statistics of Impounded and Adoptable Animals

Ms. Tracy Habiger reported.

### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

#### A. Sub-Committee Reports

##### 1. Animal Advocacy Update

Committee member Brooks presented research on the effects of firework activity, safe housing for domestic violence victims and pets, animal assistance resources, and Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program information.

##### 2. Animal Adoption Promotions Update

Alternate committee member Kwoun provided a pet rescue list and commented on having regular newspaper articles and postings to promote adoption awareness to the public.

##### 3. Animal Volunteerism Update

No update was provided.

##### 4. Bark Park

Vice Chair Hughes and Chair Litvak spoke about possible upgrades to the Bark Park, as well as placing donation meters in the parks to raise donation funds for potential upgrades.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **7. COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Committee member Brooks commented on the importance of notifying the public on the effects of fireworks on pets and people who may be sensitive to loud noises.

Mr. Justin Martin commented that staff would look into creating a notice and have the City's media team post a Public Service Announcement that would also include the contact information for Newport Center Animal Hospital and City Animal Control.

## **8. STAFF COMMENTS:**

Ms. McKenna Ewing mentioned that the City's new website is still a work in progress and that staff are continually updating links, animal photos, and information.

Ms. Habiger provided a resource list for domestic violence victims and their pets, mentioned the new Animal Care Services donation account through the Costa Mesa Foundation, and stated the benefits of having a committee booth at the upcoming Concert in the Park series.

Mr. Martin updated the committee on the recent contract amendments with both Newport Center Animal Hospital and Priceless Pet Rescue.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Litvak at 6:58 p.m.

**The Next Meeting of the Animal Services Committee  
is on Wednesday, July 18, 2018**