

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
July 18, 2018; 5:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Animal Services Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jay Litvak at 5:35 p.m. on July 18, 2018 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Jay Litvak, Vice Chair Tracy Hughes, Committee members Marilyn Brooks, Dana Lavin, Christie McDaniel, Becca Walls, and alternate member Angela Minjares

Absent: Harriet Brown and alternate member Linda Kwoun

Staff Present: Justin Martin, Parks & Community Services Director; McKenna Ewing, Recreation Leader IV

2. **Approval of the June 20, 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, Lavin, McDaniel, and Walls

Nays: none

Absent: Harriet Brown, Tracy Hughes (was not present to vote)

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Patricia Snodgrass, resident, commented on the potential of mentioning the Animal Services Committee meeting dates and times on the Costa Mesa Minute.

Chair Litvak closed Public Comments.

4. **PRESENTATION**

Statistics of Impounded and Adoptable Animals

Ms. McKenna Ewing reported.

General discussion ensued regarding the low euthanasia rate and the success of the current shelter and adoption programs.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Sub-Committee Reports

1. Animal Advocacy Update

Committee member Brooks presented research on animal assistance resources, Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program information, the effect fireworks had on local wildlife and the topic of a monthly animal related newsletter. Brief, general group discussion ensued.

2. Animal Adoption Promotions Update

Ms. McKenna Ewing shared that alternate member Linda Kwoun requested for fellow committee members to further promote animal adoptions by using and sharing the links that are provided for each animal on the city's website.

3. Animal Volunteerism Update

Committee member Lavin spoke about the concept of an emergency preparedness event, OCSPCA K- 9 literacy and service dog programs and explained the ID Band/Tags that are being offered to the public, for a donation, at concerts in the park, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Animal Services Committee account.

4. Bark Park Update

Vice Chair Hughes revisited the idea of having meter donations available in dog parks, discussion opened to the committee, staff and Mayor Genis with the possibility for alternate donation locations and systems. Mr. Justin Martin advised the committee to research pilot program opportunities that may be implemented at the Costa Mesa Bark Park.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Committee member Brooks requested to be advised on what to research next for her sub-committee.

Mr. Justin Martin commented that staff would be providing an action plan worksheet for the committee and staff to utilized in taking productive steps to achieve committee goals.

Committee member Lavin commented on the promotion of discounted animal license application that is being offered at concerts in the park.

Committee member Walls asked to look at the option of potentially having an Animal Services Committee booth at the upcoming Fish Fry as well as how to better highlight the positive work of City Animal Control Officers.

Mr. Justin Martin addressed the options for promoting animal services at future events.

Chair Litvak mentioned Priceless Pet Rescue will be at the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 23rd.

Mayor Genis commented on the committee beginning to look into the topic of coyotes in and around the city.

8. STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. McKenna Ewing gave an update on the committee booth at concerts in the park. Mention was also made regarding the work that is being put in by staff to set up foster and volunteer orientation classes and research animal related emergency supplies.

Mr. Martin updated the committee on the tentative plans for a pet preparedness event in mid-September, the creation of an action plan sheet for implementing a plan to reach committee goals and the upcoming discussion on coyotes in the city.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Litvak at 6:55 p.m.

**The Next Meeting of the Animal Services Committee
is on Wednesday, August 15, 2018**