

PORTERVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION  
January 14, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:52 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance led by Lt. Richard Standridge

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Florenza Pizanis, Valerie Simonich, and Jerry Hall.  
Absent: None

Oral Communications:

No one came forward

Reports:

Shelter stats for October, November, and December 2019. Valerie Simonich noticed that many animals were adopted in December. Chief Eric Kroutil noted that food is expected to become a significant expense when Walmart ceases donations. Lt. Standridge said that Walmart will continue to donate food until changes at the distribution center take effect. Chief Kroutil expressed gratitude for an anonymous donor who recently donated twenty-five thousand dollars to the animal shelter. Chief Kroutil said that as of January 1<sup>st</sup> dogs and cats sold in pet stores are required to be rescues or shelter animals. Mr. Hall noted that there was a spike in euthanasias in November. Lt. Standridge said that the number is a result of sick and elderly animals. Chair Pizanis suggested that the new shelter have a donor recognition wall that may aid the new expense of food. Chief Kroutil proposed naming benches in the new dog park after contributors. He said that one of the meet and greet rooms will be dedicated to Walmart in appreciation for their generosity over the years.

Scheduled Matters

1. The commission discussed the two open vacancies on the commission. Chair Pizanis said that many people who express interest in the commission live in the county. Lt. Standridge said he is confident that moving the shelter from Lindsay to Porterville will renew interest in serving on the commission. Chief Kroutil urged the commission to continue to spread the word about open vacancies.
2. The commission discussed last meetings proposal to change the date and time of commission meetings. Chief Kroutil said that meeting after 6 p.m. is a challenge for staff. The commission decided to consider possible times and dates and revisit the matter at a later meeting. The commission agreed to meet on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for next month's meeting.

Oral Communications from Public:

Former Vice Chair Daniel Penalzoza came forward and expressed his appreciation for his time spent on the commission. He looked forward to observing future commission meetings as a member of the public as he moves on to serve the Porterville City Council.

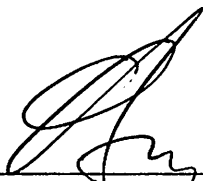

Other Matters:

Chief Kroutil provided the commission with updates on the new shelter. A few small changes were made to the conceptual layout of the building. He said that parking, walkways, and ramps will meet ADA standards. Chief Kroutil is optimistic that the structure of the new shelter will withstand many years of growth and is a good investment for the shelters future.

Valerie Simonich asked what the process is for dealing with animals who bite someone. Lt. Standridge explained that such events are dealt with on a case-by-case basis and each case is thoroughly investigated to determine the circumstances of such an occurrence.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tessa St Clair

   
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Florenza Pizanis, Chair