

PORTERVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION

August 20, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Pledge of allegiance led by Richard Standridge

Roll Call:

Present: Vice Chair Penaloza, Chair Pizanis, Valerie Simonich and Jerry Hall.

Absent: None

Oral Communications:

No one came forward

Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2018 minutes approved as is.

Reports:

Shelter stats for July 2018. All anticipated that the new shelter will improve efficiency and solve structural issues. Lt. Standridge explained the Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) initiative, in which feral male cats are neutered and released. This is done to assist in decreasing the population of feral cats. He explained that we are tracking the number of TNR cats to assist in determining the success of the program. Lt. Standridge also advised that Pathway students worked at the shelter throughout the summer to complete their community service hours. The students gained a lot from the program while helping the shelter staff with many job duties. New magnets were purchased for the Live Release Coordinator van, depicting the title, "Porterville Police Animal Services". This new title will replace the old title of "Porterville Police Animal Control." Chair Pizanis proposed that Animal Control get involved in the McDermont Field House dog show.

Scheduled Matters

There were no scheduled matters

Other Matters

Lt. Standridge told the commission that since the last meeting in January, a new part-time employee and the full time Live Release Coordinator have been hired. In addition, the new Live Release Coordinator van with a fully functioning internal air conditioning unit was put into service. This unit will be used to transport animals to events. The construction on the new building is projected to be completed by the end of 2019. Bidding for a contractor to carry out asbestos removal is underway. The group discussed the possibility of a soft walk thru the new animal shelter location. Lieutenant Standridge also advised the commission of the possibility a dog park will be built near the new shelter as part of the rails to trails program. Lieutenant Standridge advised the commission that Walmart will no longer be providing donated animal food to the shelter beginning January, 2019.

Lt. Standridge told the commission that Animal Control Officers will be increasing proactivity as it relates to enforcing animal control ordinances. Chair Pizanis asked if the shelter personnel will be sending out notices to persons who need to renew their dog licenses. Lieutenant Standridge told the commission that staff is working on a process to advise persons of the requirement to renew their license.


Chair Pizanis proposed to advertise to the public via Facebook that the shelter offers low cost spay and neutering services. Chair Pizanis proposed that local adoption opportunities be advertised consistently via Facebook.

Vice Chair Penalzoza asked if commission members can go on a ride-along with Animal Control Officers. He was told by Lieutenant Standridge that they are welcome to ride anytime an officer is available.

Mr. Hall stated he would like to see a change with the city ordinance regarding the time frame for mandatory spay and neutering requirement regarding unlicensed apprehended by Animal Control.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm

Respectfully submitted by Tessa St Clair


Florenza Pizanis, Chair

