

PORTERVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION

July 8, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance led by Lt. Josh Maniss

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Florenza Pizanis, Kathy Guinn, and Valerie Simonich.

Absent: Jerry Hall

Oral Communications:

No one came forward.

Reports:

Shelter stats for May and June 2019. Kathy Guinn admired the informative and easily accessible format of the end of month reports. Kathy said that many adoption events were hosted by Pet Smart in recent months. Animal Control Supervisor Augie Gonzalez said that animal control has utilized the City of Porterville's Project Homeless to qualify as a 501(c)(3) organization in order to receive food donations from Walmart. Augie shared preliminary statistics for July due to the July 4th holiday. Augie reported that 51 animals were acquired during the first seven days of July. He reported that 15 animals were reclaimed by their owners. Lt. Maniss commended Animal Control for their utilization of Facebook to connect missing dogs to their owners. Augie said that in preparation for July 4th an article on animal safety was included on the front page of the Porterville Recorder. He said that the public was reminded through social media that the shelter remained open for the holiday.

Oral Communications from Public:

No one came forward.

Scheduled Matters:

There were no scheduled matters.

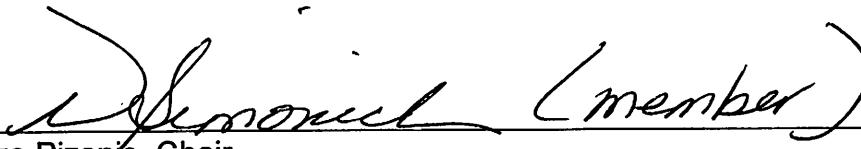
Other Matters:

Chair Pizanis asked if the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation had ever recruited dogs from the Porterville Animal Shelter. Augie replied that they had tested dogs before, however the criteria for testing is extremely selective. Shannon Corbit said she had previously been involved in placing dogs in programs that train therapy dogs for veterans. Lt. Maniss said that a new Animal Control truck is being purchased to replace the older unit that has rusted. The truck will have a built in AC and is made to withstand heat and age. Augie reported that animal control had a successful special providing microchipping services at 50% off which was advertised in the Porterville Recorder. Lt. Maniss said that in regards to Valerie Simonich's request at the previous meeting a link to the animal

licensing renewal form was added on the Animal Control Facebook page as well as the City of Porterville website.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tessa St Clair

 (member)

Florenza Pizaris, Chair