

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

South Pasadena Animal Commission
1424 Mission Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Monday, January 7, 2013
Fire Department EOC Room 6:30 pm

Beverly Biber, Corresponding Secretary/Vice-Chair
Olivia Galvin, Resources Secretary
Raquel Beraha, Recording Secretary (Absent)
Mary E. Mahoney, Commissioner (Absent)

Councilmember Marina Khubesrian, City Council Liaison(Absent)
Staff: DeannWheless, Police Captain

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1. Meeting called to order 6:45 PM
 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of November 5, 2012.
 3. LIAISON REPORTS / COMMENTS
 - a. No Council Liaison report
 - b. Staff Liaison report – SPAC needs to provide 2 or 3 goals that we want to accomplish: dog park, ordinance changes; pet memorial garden
 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS
No member of public attended
 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Welcomed new Commissioner, Cornelia Balough, appointed by City Council 1/2/13. Cornelia told us about her interest in animals and how she applied for SPAC
 - b. Note: Election of Officers – Postponed until SPAC vacancies filled. In the meantime meetings will continue to use a general discussion format with no designated chair. Bev will be responsible for coordinating next meeting with Public Safety Chair.
 - c. Update on beneficial nesting and tree trimming guidelines developed by SPAC for City Website. Reviewed NREC input & discussed and approved SPAC language changes to minimize NREC suggested emphasis on importance of trees in general and replace with emphasis on preservation of habitat/trees for nesting purposes. Bev will send recommended revisions to NREC for response.
 - d. Review of Be Kind to Animals Art Contest elements.
Discussed updating Flyer graphics and agreed to add “habitat” to theme.
Arrange meeting with Maida (Librarian) at time convenient to Maida and SPACers to discuss updating flyer graphic, appropriate date and content changes, and determine extent of Library responsibilities.
 - e. Natural Resource & Environmental Comm (NREC) has expressed interest in collaboration on the BKTA Art Contest. Bev will contact Scott Kuhn of NREC to ascertain extent of participation.
 - f. Proposed changes in City Ordinances. i.e., Increase in pet limit and off-leash privileges for dog training at Garfield Park. Deann explained process of making it an Agenda Action item
 - g. City’s Strategic Planning meeting Jan 25th. Deann explained how SPAC goals (Memory Garden for pets and Dog park) would become part of City goals (list). SPAC will have representative in attendance..
 - h. “Doggy Days and Cats Too” event - SPAC will have Information booth. Olivia will coordinate.
 - i. Coyote activity in SP. Bev discussed a neighbor’s frequent sightings of family of coyote in SW Monterey Hills and his concerns. He was given hazing technique information and info on co-existing with coyote.
 - j. Update on SPAC materials related to co-existing with urban coyote.
Olivia distributed information from HSUS on hazing, etc. that can be used as handouts, etc. Bev mentioned Project Coyote materials as good resource.
These materials could be used to draft a statement on “Co-Existing with the Urban Coyote” for possible use on City website; look into linkage of the information on website, etc.
 - k. Pasadena Humane Society activity reports for Oct-Nov were not reviewed

6. ADJOURNMENT 7:42

Date: 3/18/13

Signed: _____

