

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**South Pasadena Animal Commission (SPAC)  
1424 Mission Street  
South Pasadena, CA 91030**

**Monday, January 5, 2015  
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall – 6:30 pm**

**South Pasadena Animal Commissioners/Council & Staff Liaisons in Attendance**

Doreen Siodmak, Chair  
Cornelia Balogh, Public Relations Secretary  
Olivia Galvin, Resources Secretary  
Michelle Lindsay, Corresponding Secretary  
City Councilmember Diana Mahmud, Council Liaison  
Police Officer Randy Wise, Staff Liaison

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- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:37 pm**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for November 3, 2014**
- 3. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR Doreen Siodmak, nominated by Michelle Lindsay and seconded by Cornelia Balogh.**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS/SOUTH PASADENA DOG PARK**

**South Pasadena Residents in attendance during public comment:** Councilman Michael Cacciotti, Community Services Director Sheila Pautsch, Shannon Roddy, Daniel Kreinbring, Beverly Biber,

- a. Councilwoman Diana Mahmud announced the reassignment of council members to commissions. She stated that this meeting would be her last with the Animal Commission and that our new Council liaison would be Councilman Dr. Schneider.
- b. Community Services Director Sheila Pautsch made a presentation about the proposed dog park. She distributed opinions of probable project cost sheets and concept plans to commissioners and others in attendance. (see attached). She went over all information provided and fielded questions and engaged in discussions about the various aspects. At the end of the discussion, commissioners were asked to take a look at the proposed cost of \$551,533 for the construction and to assess what items could be eliminated from the plan in order to bring the cost down. They were specifically asked to look at items in the "Miscellaneous" section which contains more "optional" amenities. Each commissioner was asked to report back to the chair with an opinion of 3 most and 3 least important "miscellaneous" items by Friday January 16, 2015. The animal commission would then prioritize as a group which amenities are most important.

**5. PRESENTATION OF SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM by Commissioner Cornelia Balogh**

- a. Commissioner Balogh distributed ordinances from the city of Pasadena (see attached) for review by commissioners in order to support a motion to require South Pasadena residents to spay and neuter all pet dogs and cats in the city. Elizabeth Campo from the Pasadena Humane Society was originally scheduled to attend but was rescheduled because of meeting time constraints. Councilwoman Diana Mahmud suggested that the commission should try to find out how much of an actual need there is in South Pasadena for this ordinance by reviewing the Pasadena Humane Society report on how many strays are being picked up here.

**6. EVALUATION OF BKTA (Be Kind To Animals) program**

- a. Duties were assigned to the commissioners for the BKTA program for March 7, 2015.
- b. It was suggested by Councilwoman Diana Mahmud that the ceremony be held somewhere other than city council chambers because of the overly large number of attendants last year. She suggested the War Memorial Building or the Community Center as possible sites. No decision was taken on the location issue, but it was suggested by Commissioner Cornelia Balogh and resident Beverly Biber that holding the event at City Hall gives the event more clout and prestige.

**ADJOURNMENT at approximately 8:28 pm**

Approved by 

Date 7/25/15