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MINUTES of the TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday January 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Tarzana Child Care Center

5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356,

Chairman - Jeffrey Mausner

Minutes of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC) Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) meeting, January 11, 2016, at the Tarzana Child Care Center, 5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356.

1. Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. Attending were the following committee members: Deanna Dylan Scott, Mary Aratounian, Eva Brusa, Janet Mausner, and Jeffrey Mausner. Three new members of the Animal Welfare Committee also attended: Shelley Gross, Michael Gross, and Renee Shamloo. Also attending was Heidi Okuhara, Volunteer from the West Valley Animal Shelter and members of the public. The attached documents were distributed at the meeting.

2. Minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting were approved, unanimously.

3. Discussion and motion regarding the purchase of items by the Tarzana Neighborhood Council for use by the Volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter. The following resolution was moved by Renee Shamloo, seconded by Deanna Dylan Scott, and passed unanimously (8-0) by the voting members of the Animal Welfare Committee:

Resolved, that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee requests that the Budget Committee and the full Tarzana Neighborhood Council allocate \$600 to purchase the following items for use by the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter:

1. \$500 for dog beds to be placed in the kennels by the Volunteers, to keep the dogs warm and dry.

2. \$50 for small animal food and bedding, for use by the Volunteers who work with the small animals.

3. \$50 for leashes to be used by the Volunteers to take the dogs out of their kennels and for walks.

4. Discussion took place regarding setting up School Field Trips to the Shelters and/or having the Shelters go to the schools with dogs, cats, rabbits, and other animals. Field trips and/or Shelter trips to the schools would educate students and parents about spay/neuter laws and other animal welfare issues and could increase adoptions of animals from the shelters. Mary Wynn, who is a Volunteer at the West Valley Shelter and also a teacher, LAUSD representative, and UTLA representative, participated in the discussion by telephone since she was unable to attend the

meeting. Shelley Gross, who is an LAUSD teacher, and Michael Gross, a retired LAUSD teacher, also contributed to the discussion. There are a number of issues that have to be resolved. First, is there any possibility of field trips to the shelters, considering the lack of money for buses. It appears that parents cannot drive students on field trips, due to liability issues. As an alternative, the animals could be brought to the schools. Shelter employees and Volunteers would provide the people to bring the animals and speak at each school. Issues that have to be investigated include whether there are rules against having animals on LAUSD campuses or whether this is up to the individual principal. AWC members are going to check on these matters. Another suggestion that was made was to bring non-school groups, like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, to the Shelters. Another suggestion was to work with private schools.

5. Public Comments. No public comments regarding non-agenda items.

6. Update and discussion on the status of Rockin' Rescue's application for zoning variance, so it can remain open.

a. Email from Brenda Barnette, General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services, that Rockin' Rescue can continue to operate as long as they are still moving forward with their zoning request and the animals look well cared for.

b. Tarzana Neighborhood Council Resolution of support for Rockin' Rescue.

c. Email from Gary Werner of Rosenheim & Associates thanking us for our support, request that we appear at hearings regarding change of use/zoning.

d. Meeting of the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee on January 7, 2016. Presentations were made by Jeff Mausner, Chairman of the Animal Welfare Committee, and Len Shaffer, President of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council, in support of Rockin' Rescue's Application for Variance. AWC members Mary Aratounian and Janet Mausner attended the meeting, along with Volunteers from the West Valley Shelter, in support of Rockin' Rescue. The PLUM Committee approved the Variance by a vote of 6-1.

6. Update and discussion on the killing of healthy adoptable animals at Los Angeles City animal shelters took place.

7. Update and discussion on efforts to get the City to do a CEQA review or EIR in connection with the injunction against City participation in the Trap Neuter Release (TNR) program took place.

8. Update on the possibility of implementing a program for nursing homes to adopt or foster dogs and/or cats took place.

9. Committee member comments on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction took place.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

For more information about the Tarzana Neighborhood Council please visit our web site at www.tarzananc.org. For information about dogs, cats, and rabbits available at the West Valley Animal Shelter, please visit our Featured Shelter Animals page at http://tarzananc.org/shelter.php?dbshelter_categories_id=1

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