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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Tarzana Child Care Center

5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356,

Chairman - Jeffrey Mausner

Committee members

Mary Aratounian, Eva Brusa, Lynn Davis, Michael Gross, Shelley Gross, Janet Mausner,
Deanna Dylan Scott and Renee Shamloo

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Minutes of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC) Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) meeting, February 21, 2017, at the Tarzana Child Care Center, 5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356.

1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. Attending were the following committee members: Mary Aratounian, Eva Brusa, Janet Mausner, and Jeffrey Mausner. Also attending were Ady Gil and Fabienne Origer from Rockin’ Rescue.
2. Minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting were approved, unanimously. Moved by Eva, seconded by Janet.
3. Update, Discussion, and Celebration regarding:
 - a. On January 26, the South Valley Area Planning Commission (SVAPC) unanimously voted to grant the variances necessary for Rockin’ Rescue to continue to operate. Over 5,500 people signed petitions in support of Rockin’ Rescue. Approximately 100 Rockin’ Rescue supporters attended the SVAPC meeting to show their support. About 40 of them addressed the SVAPC, providing moving stories of how Rockin’ Rescue helps dogs, cats, and people. Thanks to all those

who helped make this possible, many of whom are set forth here:

<https://www.change.org/p/save-the-lives-of-dogs-and-cats-in-los-angeles-don-t-shut-down-rockin-rescue/u/19200134>

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And special thanks to TNC President Len Shaffer.

b. On January 29, Oscar the Wonderdog was rescued from the West Valley Animal Shelter, after being there for more than a year and a half.

http://tarzananc.org/committees.php?committee_id=25

Thank you to Rough Start Rescue and Jeremy DeGuc.

c. On February 2, the City of Los Angeles issued an RFP (Request for Proposals) for a Rescue Organization to run the abandoned South Shelter (now called the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter), which is a project we have been working on for some time. The City has done its part, now it is time for a Rescue to step up and do its part.

4. Discussion: Los Angeles Animal Services, along with some of the Neighborhood Council Liaisons, are working to implement No-Kill by the end of the year. But we have a lot more work to do. On a short-term basis, we need to implement temporary foster programs, utilize all kennels and temporary kennels, and double up dogs in kennels, at all of the Shelters, to deal with temporary overcrowding over the 4th of July period. On a long-term basis, we need to cut down the number of dogs and cats coming into the shelters through effective spay/neuter programs and get more dogs and cats adopted and rescued.

5. Discussion regarding the high attrition rate of new Volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter. The Chairman wrote an email to the General Manager of LAAS about this and it was discussed at meetings with LAAS.

6. The Budget Committee and full TNC approved our funding requests for a canopy for the use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter, for an amount not to exceed \$250. This will provide shade for the Volunteers when they take the dogs into the play yard.

7. A Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) from the Rescue Train in the amount of \$400, to be used to fund 4-6 shelter intervention cases at the West Valley Animal Shelter and introduce The Rescue Train's "Shelter Intervention Program" to the staff and volunteers, was granted by the Budget Committee and full TNC.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

For more information about the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and Animal Welfare Committee please visit our web site at www.tarzananc.org,
http://tarzananc.org/committees.php?committee_id=25

For information about the Temporary Animal Foster Parent Program at the West Valley Shelter, and for an application to become a foster parent, please visit:

http://tarzananc.org/committees.php?committee_id=25 and

<http://tarzananc.org/docs/1307-1082.pdf>

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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