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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE AGENDA Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

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Public Comment: Every person wishing to address the Committee must dial (1- 669) 900-6833 and enter 870 7491 9685, then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Committee meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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Public comment by any one individual, exclusive of General Public Comment shall be limited to a total of six (6) minutes per meeting and no more than two (2) minutes per agenda item. Public comment on any agenda item shall be

allocated in one (1) minute increments. In no event shall time be allocated for less than one (1) full minute. The above time limitations are subject to adjustment by the presiding officer in conformity with the Brown Act.

Supporting documents related to the below agenda items are posted on the TNC website at <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/animal-welfare>

1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks.
2. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction. General Public Comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.
3. Updates and discussion and possible motions on the following matters:
 - a. Quorum for the Animal Welfare Committee. Discussion and possible motion: Reduce the quorum for the Animal Welfare Committee from 7 to 5.
 - b. Sepulveda Basin Dog Park and proposed bike path. Discussion and possible motion: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution “Against Unless Amended” for Council File 22-0247, entitled “Los Angeles River Valley Bikeway and Greenway / Vanalden Avenue / Balboa Boulevard / Mitigated Negative Declaration Certification.” The amendments requested are to preserve the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park in the following regards:
 1. None of the land of the Dog Park is taken for the bike path.
 2. No trees, especially shade trees, in or adjacent to the Dog Park are removed.
 3. The Dog Park is not closed during construction.
 4. The bike path has sufficient separation from the Dog Park so that dogs in the park will not chase bikes along the fence line, causing injury to other dogs or people in the Dog Park.
 5. The parking lot for the Dog Park not be used as an entry or exit for the bike path, which will cause bikes and pedestrians walking or running through the parking lot to interfere with dog owners getting their dogs into and out of the Dog Park. This is a safety issue; dogs may try to chase bike riders in the parking lot, causing injury to people and dogs.
 6. The parking lot for the Dog Park, which is already insufficient for users of the Dog Park during certain times, not be used as a parking lot for bike riders and walkers on the bike path. Users of the Dog Park already have to park on grass areas during times of peak use.
 7. Before any plan for the bike path is approved and before construction begins, users of the Dog Park, the organization Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park, as well as the impacted Neighborhood Councils, should be given an opportunity to provide input, at a town hall or other meeting. Hundreds of local residents regularly use the Dog Park and have not been given an adequate opportunity to provide input. There are alternatives to the current plan which have been developed by users of the Dog Park, such as continuing the bike path south of the Los Angeles River, which have not been given a hearing.
 8. It is also suggested that lights be put into the Dog Park.
 9. The letter from Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park will be attached to the Community Impact Statement.

- c. Update on Opposition to the Dog and Cat Meat Trade. Discussion and possible motion: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution for a Community Impact Statement (CIS) “For” Council File 19-0002-S101, which was passed by the Los Angeles City Council and signed by the Mayor, requesting the governments of China, Vietnam, South Korea, Cambodia, and Indonesia to ban the sale of dog meat and to enforce their animal cruelty laws.

Please see articles about dog meat at:

<https://citywatchla.com/index.php/component/search/?searchword=Mausner&searchphrase=all&Itemid=113>

<https://koreandogs.org/la-resolution/>

- d. The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution for a letter to be sent to Councilman Blumenfield, asking him to introduce a City Council resolution supporting AB 240, entitled “Dogs and cats: California Spay-Neuter Fund.” AB 240 provides for a charge on manufacturers of dog and cat food, the money to be placed into a fund for spay/neuter of dogs and cats. Spay/neuter is the humane way to deal with overpopulation of dogs and cats; AB 240 also points out that “[w]hile the average low-cost estimate to spay or neuter an animal is \$160, it costs an average of \$2,000 to control, house, care for, adopt out, and/or euthanize an animal.” Failure to provide adequate funding for spay/neuter is penny wise and “pound” foolish.

Please see: <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/369-budget-advocates/18933-crucial-city-funding-spay-and-neuter-saves-money-and-lives>

- e. Los Angeles Animal Services Department Budget; Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
- f. Northeast Valley Animal Shelter.
- g. Yogis Sanctuary.
- h. Wildlife issues. Coyotes
- i. Appointments only policy on Wednesdays and Fridays at City Animal Shelters. (LAAS has opened the Shelters to the public without appointments on most days. Closed on Mondays.)
- j. Volunteers at the City Animal Shelters. Terminated volunteers. Please see: <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/animal-watch/25845-animal-shelter-volunteers-win-first-round-in-fight-for-first-amendment-rights>
- k. New General Manager for the Animal Services Department.
- l. City provided dog training.
- m. Community Cat Program.
- n. Status of No-Kill.
- o. Fox Tail plants. <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/17810-alert-if-you-have-a-dog-or-cat-watch-out-for-foxtail-plants>
- p. Fireworks. Please see: <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/animal-watch/21987-alert-your-dog-and-the-4th-of-july>

Discussion and possible motions regarding the above matters. (Not all of the above matters will be dealt with, depending on time.)

4. Committee Business - Comment from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee’s jurisdiction.
- a. Comment on Committee members’ own activities/brief announcements.

- b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
- c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting and to request they be considered for the next Committee agenda.

5. Adjournment.

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