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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

January 12, 2018 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, Renee Shamloo, Debbie Shreve Trejo, and Jennifer Varela

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1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks.
2. Approval of Minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting - *Action Item*.
3. Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution of support for the Pet Shop Ordinance, CPC-2017-4075-CA, communicate its support of this to Councilmembers Blumenfield and Koretz, file a Community Impact Statement in support of this Ordinance, and communicate its support to other interested parties. The Animal Welfare Committee believes that this Ordinance should be as liberal as possible in allowing Animal Rescues to operate in commercial zones by right, consistent with public safety and welfare, and that the procedure for approval where a Rescue cannot operate by right should be as inexpensive and speedy as possible, such as by a Zoning Administrator (ZA) Adjustment rather than a Conditional Use Permit. The AWC thanks Councilmember Blumenfield and Andrew Pennington for their leadership on this matter.**

4. Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution requesting the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to expedite finalization of an agreement with a Rescue Organization or Rescue Organizations to run the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter, and the opening of the Shelter. This Shelter will help the City save the lives of hundreds of dogs, cats, and other animals every year. The opening of this Shelter will contribute to the City maintaining its goal, set by the Mayor and City Council, of being No-Kill. This resolution will be communicated to Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., the City Administrative Officer; City Council President Herb Wesson and Councilmembers Blumenfield and Koretz; and other interested parties, by the Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee.**

5. Discussion and possible motion regarding **submission of a request to the Budget Committee of an NPG (grant) to Operation Blankets of Love in the amount of \$500.** The grant is intended for educational booklets to distribute in Tarzana Schools and to Tarzana youth groups, regarding how to be kind and respectful to animals and to be a responsible pet owner.

6. Discussion and possible motion regarding **submission of a request to the Budget Committee to switch the money appropriated for the purchase of a “Bone Pool,” a wading pool for dogs, to Kongs, for the use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter, for an amount not to exceed \$325.00.** A Bone Pool for the West Valley Shelter was obtained from another source, so it is no longer necessary to purchase one. Kongs are the only toy items dogs are allowed to have in their kennels. Tennis balls or other toys can be ripped apart by the dogs and get stuck in the drains, clogging them. Kongs are made of a material that is very difficult for dogs to pull apart, so Kongs can be given to the dogs by Volunteers.

7. Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution supporting the Los Angeles Board of Animal Services Commissioners’ recommendation that the Department of Animal Services report back with a feasibility analysis presenting the benefits and risks of providing an Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) approved, plant-based diet for Shelter Dogs.**

8. Comments by the Chair and discussion regarding:

- a. Status of the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter.
- b. No-Kill L.A. is officially here, as of December 31.
- c. Community Cat Program; injunction against City participation in Trap, Neuter, Return.
- d. Volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter.
- e. AB 485, the Pet Rescue and Adoption Act.

9. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

10. Committee member comments on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction. Mary Aratounian will give an update regarding AB 1199, the Police-Canine Encounters Protection Act.

11. Future agenda items and other calendar events.

12. Adjournment.

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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