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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

August 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Tarzana Child Care Center
5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356,
Chairman - Jeffrey Mausner
Committee Members

Mary Aratounian, Amitis Ariano, Eva Brusa, Lynn Davis, Janet Mausner, Heidi Okuhara,
Deanna Dylan Scott, Renee Shamloo, Debbie Shreve Trejo, and Jennifer Varela

The public is requested to fill out a **“Speaker Card”** to address the Committee on any item of the agenda prior to the Committee taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Committee.

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1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks.
2. Approval of Minutes of the January 12, 2018 meeting - *Action Item*.
3. 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.
4. 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) in support of Los Angeles City Council File CF 18-0538, Fur Products / Manufacture and Sale / Ordinance. This proposed Ordinance would prohibit the manufacture and sale of fur products, including apparel made in whole or in part of fur, or any fashion accessory, including but not limited to handbags, shoes, hats, earmuffs,**

jewelry, and key chains made in whole or in part of fur, with exceptions for sale of used fur products, beginning January 1, 2020. *Action Item.*

See INFORMATION FOR TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING for further information.

5. 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) in support of Los Angeles City Council File 18-0130, Found Dogs and Cats / Home Care by Private Citizens. This proposed ordinance would allow the finder of a dog or cat to keep the animal at her/his home while awaiting the owner to redeem the lost animal, rather than requiring the animal to go into the Shelter, so long as the finder notifies Los Angeles Animal Services, provides pictures of the animal, and complies with other conditions. *Action Item.***

6. 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) in support of Los Angeles City Council Files 17-1421-S1 Illegal Fireworks / June, July and August / Task Force / Enhanced Enforcement Strategies and 17-1421 Illegal Fireworks Task Force / Restrict Usage / Public Safety Threat / Quality-of-Life Issues. These provisions provide for the creation of a task force to report on enhanced enforcement strategies and other steps that can be taken to lessen use of illegal fireworks. *Action Item.***

7. Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board authorize a letter to Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield, asking them to introduce a motion in the Los Angeles City Council opposing the South Korean dog meat trade and asking the South Korean Government to ban the dog meat trade and to enforce South Korea's animal cruelty laws.**

It is further Resolved that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board authorize a letter to State Senator Stern and Assembly Member Gabriel, asking them to introduce motions in the California State Senate and the California State Assembly opposing the South Korean dog meat trade and asking the South Korean Government to ban the dog meat trade and enforce South Korea's animal cruelty laws.

Drafts of the proposed letters are attached hereto.

Action Item. See INFORMATION FOR TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING for additional information.

8. 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) in support of Los Angeles City Council File CF 18-0350, Buildings Built with Public Financing / Permit Pet Ownership by Residents.** This Motion will require the Housing and Community Investment Department to promulgate regulations requiring developers and management of any apartment building built with any public financing to permit residents to own pets. *Action Item.*

9. Discussion and possible motion regarding an application for an **NPG (Neighborhood Purpose Grant) submitted by Operation Blankets of Love, in the amount of \$600.** Motion requesting the Budget Committee to recommend approval of the grant by the full TNC Board. 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. *Action Item.*

10. Discussion and possible motion regarding **submission of a request to the Budget Committee for some or all of the following items, for the use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter, for an amount not to exceed \$600:** horns, whistles, soft sticks, clatter sticks, a locking cabinet to keep Volunteer things in, Perla beds, leashes, Martingale collars, items for the Rabbit and Hamster Volunteers, treats for the dogs for training and enrichment, treats and other items for the Cat Volunteers, and/or reflective covering for tarps. Items to be purchased will be determined at the meeting on Aug. 7. *Action Item.*

11. Comments by the Chair and discussion regarding:

- a. Status of the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter.
- b. Status of No-Kill.
- c. Community Cat Program; injunction against City participation in Trap, Neuter, Return.
- d. Volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter.
- e. Best Friends Annual Conference, July 19-21, 2018.

12. Committee member comments on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction.

13. Future agenda items and other calendar events.

14. 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

Any materials that may be distributed to a majority of the Board less than 72 hours prior to the above scheduled meeting are available for review by the public at 19040 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA 91335.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the committee members in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link:

www.tarzananc.org/committees.php?committee_id=4, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact us at tnc@tarzananc.org or 818-921-4992

Process for Reconsideration – Reconsideration of Board actions shall be in accordance with the Tarzana Neighborhood Council bylaws.

Draft Letter to Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield

Dear Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield:

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“Most horrifically—due to a traditional belief that high adrenaline levels will produce tender meat and increase the supposed health benefits—dogs who are killed may be intentionally subjected to extreme fear and suffering and be killed via bludgeoning, hanging, or electrocution. At the open-air markets, dogs are often electrocuted and their necks are broken—all in plain sight to passers-by and the other dogs.”

The United States is spending billions of dollars, and our military personnel are putting their lives on the line, to assist our ally South Korea in deterring invasion or nuclear attack from the North. Tens of thousands of Americans died in the Korean War, and tens of thousands were wounded, protecting South Korea. Dogs serve in our armed forces and alongside our First Responders. Dogs are instrumental in working with returning Veterans with PTSD. We respectfully request that our ally South Korea stop killing and torturing dogs, a practice which is abhorrent to the vast majority of Americans.

Therefore, at its duly noticed regular public monthly meeting on August 28, 2018, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council passed a Resolution requesting that Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield introduce a motion in the Los Angeles City Council opposing the South Korean dog meat trade and asking the South Korean government to ban the dog meat trade and enforce South Korea’s animal cruelty laws.

Sincerely,

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