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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Monday January 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Tarzana Child Care Center

5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356,

Chairman - Jeffrey Mausner

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1. Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks.
2. Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting - *Action Item*.
3. Discussion and possible motion regarding the purchase of items by the Tarzana Neighborhood Council for use by the Volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter, such as but not limited to the following:
 - a. Beds to keep animals off the ground and dry, to be placed in the kennels by Volunteers. The cost of each bed for large dogs is approximately \$31.39 including shipping. Proposal to purchase up to \$500 for beds.
 - b. Items for use by the Volunteers who take care of the rabbits and other small animals. \$50 to \$100.
 - c. Heavy duty slip knot leashes for Volunteers who do not have their own or whose leashes have worn out. These leashes would be kept with the keys to the kennels and could be checked out by volunteers at the same time they get their kennel keys. Up to \$50.
4. Discussion and possible motion 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 could increase adoptions and educate students and parents about spay/neuter and other animal welfare issues. Jeff spoke with a Volunteer who is also a teacher, LAUSD representative, and UTLA rep. She told him that there is no money for field trips to the shelters. Each bus costs \$300, and there is only enough money for one field trip per semester. So what we are thinking of doing is having the Shelters go to the schools. Sergio, the new Supervisor, is on board with that for the West Valley Shelter. We need to get teachers and other people who are involved with the LAUSD and private schools to coordinate this for each

school. The Shelter and Volunteers will then provide the people to bring the animals and speak at each school. We need to get people at the meeting who would like to be involved in this. If you know anyone who would like to be involved, please ask them to come to the meeting. This would include teachers and other school employees, and parents who have children at public and private schools in the area. Thank you to Larry Gross, Vice President of the Los Angeles Board of Animal Services Commissioners, for this idea.

5. 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.
6. Update and discussion on the status of Rockin’ Rescue’s change of use/zoning change, warning to shut down.
 - 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 Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee on January 7, 2016.
7. Update and discussion on the killing of healthy adoptable animals at Los Angeles City animal shelters.
8. 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.
9. Update on the possibility of implementing a program for nursing homes to adopt or foster dogs and/or cats.
10. Discuss getting more Volunteers for the West Valley Shelter.
11. Committee member comments on subject matter within the Committee’s jurisdiction.
12. Future agenda items and other calendar events.
13. Adjournment.

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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