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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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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1. Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks.
2. Approval of Minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting - *Action Item*.
3. Update 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 and Possible Motions regarding: 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, 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 and possible motion regarding high attrition rate of new Volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter. Action was taken on this at the previous meeting. The Chairman will report on what actions have been taken and the results.
6. Discussion and possible motion regarding the rights of Volunteers, including the right to a hearing regarding disciplinary matters.
7. Discussion and possible motions regarding what else the AWC can do to support and participate in events and programs sponsored by animal welfare groups.
8. 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.
9. Committee member comments on subject matter within the Committee’s jurisdiction.
10. Future agenda items and other calendar events.
11. 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.

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