

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

SOURCE: City Manager

COMMENT: Mayor Hamilton requested, and the City Council approved, the consideration of creating a Citizen Advisory Committee for the oversight of Animal Control facilities and operations.

Given the significant public interest in animal control and shelter services, Citizen Advisory Committees are not uncommon. Similar to the various Commissions that currently advise the City Council on various City Department operations (Library & Literacy, Parks & Leisure Services, etc), such a Committee could advise the City Council on present and future needs of the community's animal care services. As a matter of reference, information relating to the City of Sacramento's Citizens Advisory Committee is provided as an attachment.

Previously under contract with the City of Lindsay to provide Animal Control and Shelter services since 1991, the City of Porterville terminated its contract for services effective December 31, 2008, due to financial and operational considerations. Effective January 1, 2009, the City of Porterville endeavored to begin independently providing Animal Control and Shelter services under management of the Police Department, beginning with the immediate construction of temporary kennels within the City's Corporation Yard. In addition, efforts were begun toward selecting a site to develop a new Animal Shelter facility within the city of Porterville.

In August 2009, the City of Lindsay approached the City with a proposal to lease the Lindsay facility and enter into a contract to provide Animal Shelter services. Effective November 1, 2009, the City entered into a five (5)-year lease agreement for use of the Lindsay Animal Shelter, the Agreement expiring October 31, 2014. Under the direction and supervision of a Police Captain, the City currently employs a full-time Animal Shelter Supervisor, a full-time Community Services Officer in support of Animal Shelter operations, and one full-time and two (2) part-time Animal Control Officers.

An approximate 3.50-acre undeveloped vacant commercial property located due north of the City's Corporation Yard on W. Grand Avenue was identified as a prospective site for the new facility, and on May 19, 2009,

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the City Council approved the purchase of the property from Grand Prospect Partners L.P. for \$300,000. Funding for the purchase was comprised equally of both Measure H (\$150,000) and Waste Water Treatment Facility Capital Reserve (\$150,000) funds. The property was purchased for the purpose of housing an Animal Shelter (with adjoining office space) and Dog Park. In addition, the property also serves as a buffer between the Porterville Marketplace Shopping Center and the City's Waste Water Treatment Facility, with parking afforded to Waste Water Treatment Facility personnel.

"Phase 1" design of the new Animal Shelter (with adjoining office space) was completed in 2010, containing 4,300 square feet of kennels that support forty (40) dog kennels and adjacent holding pens, as well as 3,900 square feet of office space. The Engineer's Estimate for Phase 1 is approximately \$1.25 million, including an asphalt parking lot and necessary concrete improvements.

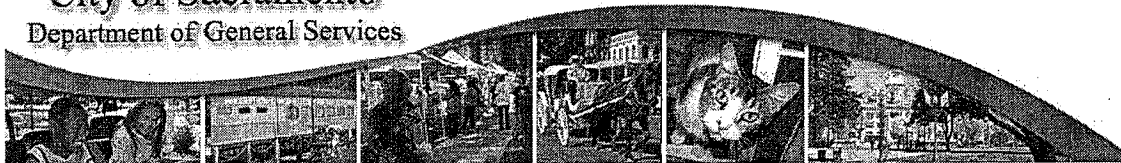
With \$625,000 budgeted for construction of the facility from the City's Building Construction Fund, the City Council directed the additional budgeting of the \$625,000 received by the City from the recent settlement of its PTAF lawsuit against the County of Tulare, providing a total of \$1.3 million in funds to support the construction of the new Animal Shelter. Given Council's direction, Public Works Department staff is currently updating the plans and specifications of the "Phase 1" design to comply with the 2013 California Building Code, with the greatest potential implications being to the office space component of the facility. Construction is anticipated to begin in the coming fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider creating a Citizen Advisory Committee for the oversight of Animal Control facilities and operations.

ATTACHMENT: Information re: City of Sacramento – Citizens Advisory Committee

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Sacramento Animal Care Services' Citizens Advisory Committee meets on the **last Wednesday** of each month at **6:00 pm**. The meetings are held in the multi-purpose room at the City of Sacramento Animal Care Services (2127 Front Street).

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide vision, leadership, public policy development, and recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council in order to meet the present and future needs of the City of Sacramento community's animal care services.

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

- To provide advisory recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on strategies, policies, and programs designed to ensure quality care for the animals housed at the Sacramento Animal Care Services Center
- To increase awareness of animals available for adoption at the Center
- To increase awareness of the importance of spaying/neutering animals
- To educate the community regarding the humane treatment of animals and other matters related to Sacramento's animal care responsibilities
- To provide a forum for public discussion of Sacramento's efforts to bring about positive change and improvements at the Center
- To serve as a liaison to the Mayor, the City Council, and the city staff on behalf of the community in matters related to Sacramento's Animal Care Services

CONTACT US

If you would like to contact a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, please send an email to acscac@cityofsacramento.org.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Kathleen Garcia

Moira Monahan
Jennifer Pokorny
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