

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
SPAY / NEUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
March 23, 2009**

**Location:
West Los Angeles Animal Shelter**

Spay/Neuter Advisory Committee Chairperson Laura Beth Heisen called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present were Committee members:

NAME	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Marie Atake	11
Bobby Dorafshar	3
Laura Beth Heisen	10
Judie Mancuso	7
Ricardo Mendoza	9
Elizabeth Oreck	5
Rachel Paap (L)	4
Theresa Sardisco	15
Scott Sorrentino	2
Lezle Stein	14
JeanMarie Wisniewski	13
Cheri Shankar (L)	6

Absent were Committee members:

NAME	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Dr. Bill Bender	12
Christine Peters	1
Willie Solomon	8

I. General business

The Committee was joined at the meeting by Jose Sigala, Legislative Analyst from City Councilmember Richard Alarcon's District 7, and by Jim Bickhart from Mayor Villaraigosa's Staff.

Department of Animal Services General Manager Mr. Ed Boks commented on the state of the spay and neuter programs. Mr. Boks addressed the financial problems facing the program.

II. Approval of Minutes, March 9, 2009 meeting

Upon motion by Scott Sorrentino seconded by Bobby Dorafshar, the Minutes of the Committee's March 9, 2009 meeting were then approved by a vote of 9-0.

III. Updates and questions

a. Recent cessation of \$30 spay/neuter coupons and \$70 spay/neuter certificates and related actions

b. Surveys

c. Meetings

d. Any other updates and questions

Chairperson Heisen suggested that discussion of these items be postponed to a future meeting.

IV. Individual assignment topic sections for March 30, 2009 report

The remainder of the meeting consisted of a review of preliminary reports submitted by the various committees and members regarding the salient points that are to be included in the interim report due on March 30, 2009. Included were comments regarding the definition of "low income" and "affordability." Each section of the report was reviewed and members of the committee commented on their individual sections.

V. Any remaining issues for March 30, 2009 report

No discussion.

VI. Editing, preparing and submitting the final March 30, 2009 report

A brief discussion regarding the format ensued. Chairperson Heisen is preparing the final draft for submission to the Mayor, Council and Department.

VII. Discussion

None

VIII. Committee member tasks to complete before next meeting

None

IX. Schedule future meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2009, at the East Valley Shelter at 7:00 P.M.

X. Future agenda items

None noted.

XI. Public comment

None.

XII. Adjourn

At 9:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.