

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Minutes for Animal Issues Committee

November 25, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by Dana Stangel, Chairperson.
2. Introductions by committee members (4) and stakeholders (5).
3. Update on RACO program, Pat Kramer, Region 1 rep/
4. Discussion about ways to reach more stakeholders using:
 - Nextdoor
 - Ads in local newspapers
 - Article in North Valley Reporter
 - Article in the Voice
 - Article in Crescenta Valley Weekly
5. Discussion about the animal abuse incident on Nov. 14 in which a DWP worker called to rescue a cat on a power pole threw the animal 20' – 25' to the ground from the bucket truck, when he was asked to deliver it safely to people waiting with a blanket below on the ground. Pat circulated a petition; Dana posted the item on the All Things Animal Sunland-Tujunga Facebook page. No action or acknowledgement has been taken by DWP. Follow up is needed.
6. Public Comment:

A stakeholder reported an incident where a local man is suspected of trapping cats that both belong to neighbors as well as feral cats, then possibly killing them. The person who reported this has spoken to the man who denies any involvement, but the neighbor saw the cat in a trap in the man's yard before it disappeared. Can we take any action? The neighbor said she was going to report it to DAS.

Dana read from a flyer called "Stopping Animal Cruelty" by DAS which deals with animal hoarding, stopping animal cruelty and other issues. Call ACTF for animal cruelty reports: 213 486-0450.

Another stakeholder reported a horse boarding facility in the local area where animals may be malnourished and not properly cared for. The stakeholder was asked to find out if the public could help the owner of

the boarding facility, as the owner is generally known as a responsible person. The woman said she would report back on this.

A stakeholder asked what to do about a possible cat hoarding problem. He was told to contact FixNation to report the issue and see if he could work something out with the owner of the cats to get them spayed and neutered.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Region 1 Rep