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A Celebration Fit for Dr. King



State Board of Equalization member Jerome E. Horton, whose district includes Lawndale, rode in the 34th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in neighboring Gardena this past Monday as part of one of the longest-running celebrations of Dr. King in the region. Photo: Board of Equalization

Council Opens 2018 with Business Focus

By Halemon Anderson

The Lawndale City Council opened proceedings for the new year with a focus on business, hearing from a representative of the Los Angeles County Business Federation during public comments. Kevin Harbour said the organization, known as BizFed, is seeking to bring cities into its membership in the coming year. "We represent over 325 businesses," he said. "We help you reach your goals in the most cost-effective and productive way possible." Harbour added that BizFed is celebrating its 10th anniversary later this year, and invited the Council to attend the event.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles said he will discuss the organization with the city manager. "I'm excited about the possibility of the City joining BizFed," said Pullen-Miles. "It could be a good investment."

The mayor also spoke about the new tax bill recently signed by President Trump. "There's a lot in it to hate," said Pullen-Miles. The one caveat might be the so-called "opportunity zones." The bill allows for the identification of particular "census tract" areas, where cities may encourage increased business development.

A county representative announced Lawndale will participate in a homeless count on Jan. 24 from 8 to 11 a.m. She said the event is still in need of volunteers. Participants will meet at the community center for day-of training before going out into the community.

Councilmember Jim Osborne noted the homeless count is not just for Lawndale, but

involves the entire region. Officially called the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, the three-day event is seeking 8,000 volunteers to gather information on homelessness in the county. Counts will be taken on the street, at shelters and other institutions.

Resident Gary Adams asked that the Council investigate suspicious activities at the Hofmann Community Center. Adams also asked for an audit of Lawndale's senior lunch program. He questioned agenda item F.3 and asked for specific itemization of claims and demands to be paid.

Library Manager Jose Parras announced the deadline is this week to sign up for the Helping Hands project. Parras noted two new displays at the library. A Mexican folk art exhibit will be on view beginning Jan. 25. The library will also have an information table with literature and other materials especially related to veterans.

Pam London brought up a perennial problem on the streets of Lawndale: unsightly motor homes. While the City recently passed an ordinance restricting such vehicles, London observed many are still visible, parked in driveways. The vehicles are often inoperable, she said. She requested that the City follow up on open cases of motorhomes, which may be under code violation.

The public safety report, given by Lt. John Burcher, focused on the hazards of driving while using a mobile device. He cited statistics saying one-quarter of car accidents involve cell phones. He said both calling and texting

are at fault, and increase by four times the potential risk for accidents. Surprisingly, he noted statistics suggesting a larger number of accidents involve adults using cell phones, rather than younger drivers aged 16-18.

In other comments, Councilmember Pat Kearney said he is looking at what El Segundo did in proposing a three-quarter-cent sales tax increase from the current 9.50 percent to 10.25 percent. The tax measure is proposed to help mitigate expanding budget deficits due to pension costs.

Consent calendar items included disposal of the Ford cargo van; claims by residents; payments of claims and demands of \$1.4 million. All were passed unanimously.

Osborne reported on the recent Donate Life event. He noted one woman who had been a donor twice -- first giving a kidney to a family member and then donating a portion of her liver to a child. "It was very moving," he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid wished everyone a happy new year, saying, "I'm really looking forward to this next one."

Pullen-Miles reported he attended the Gardena Martin Luther King Day parade. He also attended the Donate Life event, saying it was very moving to hear the testimonies of participants.

The Lawndale City Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall council chamber, at 14717 Burin Ave. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
62°/48°



Saturday
Sunny
60°/44°



Sunday
Sunny
62°/46°



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Purrrfect Companions



Cupid

Many of the teenage and adult cats we rescue have been abandoned, neglected, abused or dumped at the shelter and find themselves in a terrifying, lonely new world. They are supremely deserving and appreciative of a second chance at life. When you adopt, you save a life... and in turn, enrich your own.

Cupid is a total love bug and adores snuggling with humans and other kitties. This fluffy little boy has a purr so loud that he sounds like a motor engine. He enjoys playing with his siblings, Dasher, Prancer and Comet, and curling up beside you while you work on your computer or watch TV. Cupid would do great in a home with other kitties, or could adopted with one of his siblings. Dogs and kids are okay with him, too!

Tango is a gorgeous girl who sadly lost her home and was returned to us when her human unexpectedly passed away. Although Tango is uncertain about her new surroundings here at the sanctuary, she has shown us that with extra attention and sweet nothings murmured to her, she becomes very responsive and affectionate. Tango was returned with her sister, Jitterbug, but she would be very, very happy to be an only kitty. We hope someone will open their heart and home soon to this sweet, gentle girl.

Keiko is a small cat with a big heart and gorgeous green eyes. She loves jumping onto your lap and just being close to you. If you looked up "lap cat" in a dictionary, you would find a picture of Keiko. She also loves to be petted and as soon as you walk into the room, she starts purring. Keiko would probably be fine with friendly cats after an adjustment period, but she could happily be the only cat in the home as she truly loves people.

Aisha is a very sweet little girl who came a long way to find her forever home. She was

rescued along with her siblings and mom in Istanbul, Turkey. Aisha was so lucky for that and hopes her good luck continues in finding her forever home soon. She is a petite girl who was the runt of her litter and is likely to remain petite even when she is fully grown. Very playful, but not rambunctious, she likes playing with her kitty friends and gets along with all kitties -- young, old, boys and girls. Aisha also loves getting petted and purrs to show you her appreciation.

Hunter is the most affectionate boy you will ever meet. He likes curling up on your chest and purring. He is a very active and playful kitty who loves cats and people alike. With his exuberance, Hunter would do well with an experienced cat owner who enjoys a boy with a lot of energy.

Grace is a warm, maternal little kitten who enjoys belly and head rubs. She also likes to perch up on a window, gazing at squirrels and waiting for you to come home. Grace enjoys fuzzy toys and jumping for ball teasers. This beautiful angel would love to meet you!

Victoria is an affectionate and playful young girl. She likes to cuddle on laps and be picked up for hugs. She was taken in by Kitten Rescue a few days after giving birth to a litter of eight kittens. She has taken wonderful care of her babies and now that she has gotten them all adoption-ready, she is looking for a home of her own. Victoria can be adopted with one of her kittens or on her own. She likes to wrestle with her kittens, but she also loves playing with wand toys, running through tunnels and batting toys across the floor. Victoria is currently living at the Kitten Rescue Sanctuary and we have a live camera in the room she's in. You can watch her and her family on the live stream here: <https://explore.org/livecams/kitten-rescue/kitten-rescue-cam>.



Aisha



Hunter

These kitties are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org.

Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue

and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd., #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd., just south of Manchester Ave.; and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave., just south of Venice Blvd. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location. •



Grace

*Saving one animal won't change the world,
but the world will surely change for that animal.*



Tango



Keiko



Victoria