



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 14, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Erin Steffens, Assistant to the City Manager
Subject: Donation to the Animal Shelter from the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation from the estate of Stephen and Mary Birch in the sum of \$5,000.00.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The donation of \$5,000.00 will be deposited and expensed from the Animal Shelter Donation Fund (115).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) houses and cares for approximately 2000 stray, surrendered and abandoned animals each year. BACS treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption and donations are often used to pay for these vet bills.

Donations are used to help in the general care of the animals and to help cover the cost of veterinary care. This year, for example, donated funds will be used to cover veterinary services that are unavailable in the shelter's clinic such as X-rays, CAT scans and ultra sounds. Donations also support services that are provided to BACS shelter animals by contracted private veterinary clinics.

BACKGROUND

Each year starting in 2008, the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation have generously donated money to BACS to be used for the welfare of shelter animals.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The shelter receives donations from the public and the funds are used for the programs outlined above. The cost of goods and services continue to increase. Donations are greatly appreciated as they ensure that the animals in our care receive the best medical treatment possible.

CONTACT PERSON

Amelia Funghi, Animal Shelter Manager (510) 981-6603

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER FROM THE STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH FOUNDATION IN THE SUM OF \$5000

WHEREAS, The Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation has named Berkley Animal Care Services (BACS) as a recipient of a gift; and

WHEREAS, BACS houses and cares for approximately 2000 stray, surrendered and abandoned animals each year; and

WHEREAS, the shelter treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption, and donations are often used to cover these veterinary bills; and

WHEREAS, donations are also used to help in the general care of the animals, to purchase treats, leashes, collars and toys and to provide critical community programs; and

WHEREAS, this year, donation funds are also being used to help cover the cost of contracted veterinary care; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council accepts a donation to the Animal Shelter from the Stephen and Mary Birch in the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited in the Animal Shelter Donation Fund: 115-21-203-000-0000-000-000-481110.

