AGENDA

JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng
Coyote Management Sessions Agenda/Talking Points
Tuesday, Aug. 8 & Wednesday, Aug. 9 (6 – 7pm)

Welcome:

- I understand many of you are concerned about the coyotes that have been venturing into our neighborhoods and I want to assure you that we are committed to doing all we can to help address this issue.

- This is not a problem that is unique to Jefferson Parish. Coyotes are becoming more common in urban areas, due to increased land development and food availability.

- We cannot simply "trap our way out of this" – but there are measures our departments can do to help manage the coyote populations, and ways we can work together as a community to make sure no other pets or people are harmed.

- We have assembled a multi-department strike team, and you will hear from our department directors today on what they are each doing to help manage the coyote population.

    - Our JPAWS Humane Officers regularly go out in the middle of the night to haze in neighborhoods that have spotted coyotes.

    - Environmental Affairs is managing the contract for two trappers.

    - Code is looking into issues that may be contributing to the problem, and sent inspectors to areas that are thought to have coyotes nesting.

- I'd also like to thank our partners over at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) who are here today and will provide a presentation with more information about coexisting with coyotes after our Department Directors provide a brief update on our work to date.

Introduce Jefferson Parish Department Coyote Strike Team:

- First, I'd like to introduce our **Jefferson Protection & Animal Welfare Services (JPAWS) Director Michelle Brignac / Chief Humane Officer Shannon Neal** to talk a bit about the JPAWS education campaign, how their Humane Officers have been responding, and what residents should do when they spot a coyote.

- Followed by our **Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs Director Katherine Costanza** who will talk about the contracts we have in place with trappers who will be engaged on an as-needed basis in response to resident calls/complaints and in close consultation with our JPAWS team.

- Next, our **Jefferson Parish Code Compliance & Enforcement Director Liza Caluda** will provide tips on what residents can do in their yards to help mitigate any and all nuisance wildlife from entering their neighborhoods.

Introduce JPAWS/LDWF Presentation:

- At this time, I'd like to invite our **Jefferson Protection & Animal Welfare Services (JPAWS) Director Michelle Brignac / Chief Humane Officer Shannon Neal** back up to introduce a presentation by the **Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist and Wildlife Permits Coordinator Melissa Collins**

Closing:

- That concludes our meeting, we are happy to stay after to answer any questions.

- For more information, including our Jefferson Parish Coyote Management Plan, the Humane Society Hazing Guidelines, as well as flyers and a video with mitigation tips from JPAWS, visit: **www.JeffParish.net/Coyotes**. Flyers are also available in the back for you to take with you.

- We recorded today's meeting for those who were unable to attend in-person, that video will also be available on our website should you want to share it with any of your neighbors who are not here today.

- If you see a coyote, **call JPAWS at 504-349-5536** (**after-hours: 504-554-4744**).