



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 14, 2010**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at the Waller Creek Center, 625 E. 10TH Street, Rm. 105, Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Tucker, David Lundstedt, Palmer Neuhaus and Robert Graham

Board Members Absent: Babette Ellis, Ellen Jefferson and Lisa McClain

Staff in Attendance: Bruce Mills, Melanie Miller, Joan Hamilton-Huber and Filip Gecic

1. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- David Lundstedt read letter received from Kathleen Gray in New York Re: No Kill

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. AAC Public Hearing & Special Meeting held on June 2, 2010

b. AAC Special Meeting held on June 9, 2010

- Palmer Neuhaus moved to postpone approval of both meeting minutes for next month's scheduled meeting on August 11, 2010 due to lack of approval forum. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Larry Tucker moved to switch order of Agenda Items 3 & 4 and item 4D to 4A. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 0 yes, 4 No, 0 Abstained. Motion failed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion And Take Action On Retail Ordinance

- **Citizens Communication:**
 - Della Lindquist
 - Jennifer Hays
- David Lundstedt moved to send a recommendation to Council that the City pass an ordinance banning retail sales of dogs and cats in Austin Pet Stores. Larry Tucker second. Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Larry Tucker moved to change order of New Business Items, switch positions of 4d & 4a. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

d. Introduction of Recruitment Firm for Chief Animal Services Officer

- Voorhees Associates, LLC – Heidi J. Voorhees, President gave overview
- **Citizens Communication**
 - Marnie Reeder
 - Sasha Evans
 - Kathleen Hamilton

No Motions Made

b. Update and Explanation of Donations Funds and Expenditures

- **Citizens Communication**
 - Marnie Reeder
 - Megan Turner – Love-A-Bull Handout
- Robert Graham moved to create a process for allocation of funds from the Donations Fund. Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
Sub-Committee Members: Robert Graham, Larry Tucker and David Lundstedt, meeting scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2010 at 6:00 pm location to be determined.

c. Fourth of July Weekend Shelter Intakes/Outcomes, Cage Use, Staffing, Emergency Protocols, Volunteer Usage and Implementation Plan Compliance.

- Palmer Neuhaus moved to send recommendation to Council to change the 3 day required stay of stray animal before becoming owned by City of Austin to 3 business days. Larry Tucker second. Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

a. Discussion and possible action of the Draft Mission of Animal Services

No Motions Made

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Animal Services Center Briefing

No Motions Made

b. Status Report on Implementation Plan to reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes.

No Motions Made

c. Staff Briefing On Any Issues Related to Animals in Travis County

No Motions Made

d. Update, discussion of Task Forces (Pit Bull, Public Awareness and Rescue)

▪ Citizens Communication

- Julia Dworschack
- Megan Turner
- Pat Valls-Trelles
- Adette Quintana

No Motions Made

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Larry Tucker moved to add the following items next month's Agenda:
 - Discussion and possible action of the Draft Mission of Animal Services
 - Report from Donations Sub-Committee MeetingDavid Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved to have Larry Tucker provide letter to City Council to recommend the ban on retail sales of dogs & cats and the 3 Business Day holding policy. Palmer Neuhaus second. Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.