

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting Held November 16, 2010
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

1. Call Meeting to Order at 3:06pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. Chair, Council Member Randi Shade
2. Council Member Laura Morrison

2. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, October, 19th 2010.

Motion by Council Member Shade to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on October 19, 2010. Seconded by Council Member Morrison. Motion unanimously carries.

3. Citizen Communications

None.

4. Receive Staff Update regarding deer survey. (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department, and Shannon Jones, Assistant Director of Public Health and Keith Olenick, Senior Wildlife Biologist, Plateau Land and Wildlife Management)

Plateau Wildlife Management biologist Keith Olenick outlined the results of their deer survey in northwest neighborhoods of Austin. They found the neighborhoods are serving an overcapacity of deer and proposed harvesting or transport of the animals from the area. Council Members did not seem supportive of either recommendation. Shannon Jones mentioned staff would meet with the neighborhood and get their feedback. Citizen Teresa Ferguson spoke against the use of lethal means to solve the deer issue in her neighborhood.

Council Member Shade noted the importance of the anti-deer feeding ordinance, Plateau biologist agreed. Staff mentioned a total of 51 citations since the inception of the anti-deer feeding ordinance in 2009, with the majority of complaints coming from the 78731 zip code area.

5. Status Report on Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes and Take Appropriate Action (Filip Gecic, Acting Animal Services Officer)

Filip gave the Subcommittee a quick update of the Implementation Plan. The agenda item had two citizen speakers. Brad Beam spoke about drop boxes, and support for the concept. Pat Valles-Trelles spoke on the donations fund.

6. Staff Update on Communities Putting Prevention to Work Tobacco Grant and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department and Dr. Philip Huang, Medical Director, Health & Human Services Department)

Staff updated the Subcommittee on the recent implantation of tobacco free worksite initiative. Council Members expressed their appreciation to HHSD for piloting the program.

7. Receive Staff Update and possible action regarding House Bill 216, relating to boarding homes. (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department, and Shannon Jones, Assistant Director of Public Health)

Staff updated the Subcommittee on latest actions regarding boarding homes in Austin Travis County and outlined a timeline for a new Ordinance in 2011, implementation in October-November. Citizen Signup included Ms. Joan Bartz, she expressed concerns about the process, requesting inclusion and an opportunity to address the Subcommittee at the next meeting.

8. Staff Update and possible action on Social Services RFP processes. (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department; Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director of Human Services, and Byron Johnson, Purchasing Officer, Purchasing)

Staff provided an update on the progress of the Planning RFP to the Subcommittee including the establishment of a Technical Assistance Panel and garnering community stakeholder feedback.

9. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, December 21st, 2010 or at the call of the committee chair.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:38.