



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2012**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at the Austin Animal Center, 7201 Levander Loop Conference Room in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: David Lundstedt, Palmer Neuhaus, Lisa McClain, Babette Ellis, Emily Phillips and Larry Tucker

Board Members Absent: Ellen Jefferson

Staff in Attendance: Ian Hallett and Gricelda Diaz

Meeting Called to Order at 6:10 p.m.

1. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Cherie Cunningham
- Cassidy Laminack

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. AAC Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2012

- Lisa McClain moved to approve the minutes for February 8, 2012. Emily Phillips second. Motion Carried: 5 Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed (Note: Larry Tucker arrived late and did not vote on this motion).

b. AAC Special Called Meeting held on March 5, 2012

- Emily Phillips moved to approve the minutes for March 5, 2012. David Lundstedt second. Lisa McClain made friendly amendment to correct last paragraph on # 4 to read 'Broaden Fiscal Note to all Categories'. Also, change Motion Carried read: 6 Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstained. Friendly Amendment accepted. Motion Carried: 5 Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained. Motion passed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Rescue Workgroup.

- David Lundstedt moved to form a Rescue Guidelines Workgroup with Palmer Neuhaus and Emily Phillips serving in Workgroup and report to the Commission at the April's meeting. Emily Phillips second. Motion Carried: 6 Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

Citizens Communication:

- Marnie Reeder

b. Update And Take Action On The Perceived Deep Overpopulation Issue

Citizens Communication:

- Leon Whitney
- Judy Monroe
- Robin Abbott
- Richard Holcomb
- Robert Shaw

- Larry Tucker moved to form a Workgroup to address the Perceived Deer Overpopulation. Larry Tucker and David Lundstedt will be serving in the Workgroup. Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried: 4 Favor, 1 Opposed, 1 Abstained. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Briefing From Austin Pets Alive On Their Contract With San Antonio

No one to give briefing attended. Chair requested Item to go away indefinitely.

b. Evaluation Of Rental House And Apartment Fees For Pets And Breed Restrictions

- No Motions Made

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Street and Highway Signs Leading to the New Austin Animal Center

- Larry Tucker moved that the Animal Advisory Commission authorize Lisa McClain to draft a letter to City Council representing the Animal Advisory Commission regarding poor signage at Austin Animal Center. Emily second.

Babette Ellis made Friendly Amendment to petition the Sign Review Commission as part of their agenda. Larry Tucker accepted Friendly Amendment. Motion Carried: 0 Favor, 6 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion Failed.

Lisa McClain moved that the Animal Advisory Commission seek guidance from City Council on Signage Issue at the Austin Animal Center. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 6 Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

b. Discussion And Possible Action On Emergency Preparedness And Displacement Of Homeless Animals

Citizens Communication:

- Marnie Reeder

- No Motions Made

c. Guidelines For Transfers To Rescue Groups And Shelters

- Motions Made

Citizens Communication:

- Marnie Reeder
- Brad Beam

d. Discuss The Change In Outcome/Intake Since Moratorium Report

- No Motions Made

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

- No Motions Made

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Citizens Communication:

- Marnie Reeder

- Under Old Business Add:
 - Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Rescue Guidelines Workgroup.
 - Update and Discussion on The Perceived Deer Overpopulation Workgroup.

- Under New Business Add:

Babette Ellis move to add “Discussion and Possible Action on Unsanctioned and Uninsured Livestock on City Streets”. Emily Phillips second.

Palmer Neuhaus made a Friendly Amendment to remove the word “uninsured”. Babette Ellis accepted Friendly Amendment.

Lisa McClain made a Friendly Amendment to replace word “Livestock” with “Equine”. Babette Ellis accepted Friendly Amendment.

Motion Carried: 6 Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

- Lisa McClain moved add “Under Old Business “Evaluation of Rental House and Apartment Fees for Pets and Breed Restrictions” and allow presentations. Emily Philips second. Motion carried: 6 Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- David Lundstedt moved to add, under Public Hearings, “Evaluate and Take Action on Prohibiting the Display of Wild & Exotic Animals for Public Entertainment or Amusement”. Emily Phillips second. Motion carried: 0 Favor, 6 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion failed.
- David Lundstedt moved to add, under New Business, “Discuss and Possible Action on Prohibiting the Display of Wild & Exotic Animals for Public Entertainment or Amusement”. Larry Tucker second. Motion carried: 3 Favor, 2 Opposed, 1 Abstained. Motion failed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.