



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2013**

**APPROVED** 8/14/13  
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**The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a Regular Meeting Wednesday June 12, 2013 at the Austin Animal Center 7201 Levander Loop Conference Room in Austin, Texas.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** David Lundstedt, Gina Benner, David Pasztor, Babette Ellis, Rita Geigel, Aleksandra Gajdeczka and Larry Tucker

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Staff in Attendance:** Abigail Smith, Joan Hamilton Huber, and Chris Noble

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 p.m.**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. AAC Meeting held on April 10, 2013**

Babette Ellis moved to approve the minutes for April 10, 2013. Larry Tucker second.

Motion approved on a 6-0-1 vote. Members voting aye: Tucker, Geigel, Lundstedt, Ellis, Pasztor and Benner. Board Member Gajdeczka abstained.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL  
NONE**

**3. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**a. Director's Update**

- Citizen communication – Brad Beam

**b. Budget Presentation - City of Austin and Animal Services Department**

- Citizen Communication – Brad Beam

Babette Ellis moved the Animal Advisory Commission send a letter of support to Austin city council for the Animal Services Office FY 14 budget request including unmet needs. Larry Tucker second. Motion approved on a 7-0-0 vote. Members voting aye: Lundstedt, Gajdeczka, Ellis, Pasztor, Tucker, Benner and Geigel

**c. Director's Update – Chapter 823 of Texas Health & Safety Code**

- No actions or citizen communication

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on The Rental Housing and Breed Restrictions Workgroup
  - No actions or citizen communication
- b. Update and Discussion on The Pet Registration Ordinance Workgroup
  - Citizen Communication – Suzy Swingle & Marnie Reeder

David Lundstedt moved to suspend the working group. Larry Tucker second. Motion approved on a 7-0-0 vote. Members voting aye: Lundstedt, Gajdeczka, Ellis, Pasztor, Tucker, Benner and Geigel

- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the status of the TLAC facility
  - No actions or citizen communication
- d. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on The Community Solutions Workgroup
  - No actions or citizen communication
- e. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the recommendation to prohibit the use of painful devices on elephants
  - Citizen Communication – Ernest Samudio & Pat Valls-Trelles

David Lundstedt moved to recommend to the Austin city council that they pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of bull hooks (aka guides or ankuses) and other implements and tools designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training and controlling the behavior of elephants in traveling shows and exhibitions in the city limits of Austin. Included would be a ban on the use of chains or other restraining devices on elephants in traveling shows and exhibitions in the city limits of Austin. Larry Tucker second. Motion approved on a 5-2-0 vote. Members voting aye: Lundstedt, Pasztor, Tucker, Benner, Gajdeczka. Members voting no: Ellis and Geigel

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Election of Board Officer – Vice Chair

Babette Ellis moved to nominate David Pasztor as Vice Chair. Rita Geigel second. Motion approved on a 7-0-0 vote. Members voting aye: Lundstedt, Gajdeczka, Ellis, Pasztor, Tucker, Benner and Geigel

#### **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

#### **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Babette Ellis moved to add item 3b Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Animal Services Office Offsite Adoption Program. David Lundstedt second. Motion approved on a 7-0-0 vote. Members voting aye were: Lundstedt, Gajdeczka, Ellis, Pasztor, Tucker, Benner and Geigel.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** there being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.