



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2014
*APPROVED 2/11/2015***

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a Regular Meeting Wednesday December 10, 2014 at the Austin Animal Center 7201 Levander Loop Multi-Purpose Room in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: David Lundstedt, Larry Tucker, Robert Shaw, Babette Ellis
Dr. Rita Geigel, Palmer Neuhaus

Board Members Absent: Heather Dalby

Staff in Attendance: Joan Hamilton Huber and Chris Noble

CALL TO ORDER: at 5:05 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. AAC Regular Meetings held on:

August 13, 2014 – motion to approve by Larry Tucker, second by David Lundstedt, motion passes on a 6-0-1 Member Dalby absent

October 8, 2014 – motion to approve by Babette Ellis, second by Rita Geigel, motion passes on a 6-0-1 Member Dalby absent

November 12, 2014 – motion to approve by Babette Ellis, second by Larry Tucker, motion passes on a 6-0-1 Member Dalby absent

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Director's Update

- Staff briefing from Human Resources Dept and Heidi Voorhees of GovHR USA on the process for hiring of the next Chief Animal Services Officer
No citizen for citizen communication

Babette Ellis moved to bring item 4f next. Robert Shaw second. Motion passes: 6members vote yes, Member Dalby absent. No citizen communication

- Health & Safety Code – Chapter 823
Citizen Communication – Marnie Reeder
- Quarterly Report on TLAC Temporary License Agreement

No citizen communication

- New Kennel Buildings Process

Full consensus to support the recommendation of Design Build, no voting action taken

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Transportation Workgroup

No action or citizen communication

- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the future make-up of the Animal Advisory Commission

Babette Ellis moved the Animal Advisory Commission recommend the new City Council instruct the City Clerk to appoint all of the designated (Chapter 823 Health & Safety Code) 5 positions to either the short or long appointment terms. Rita Geigel second. Motion passes 6-0-1: Member Dalby absent No citizen communication

- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Rental Housing and Breed Restrictions Workgroup

No action or citizen communication

- d. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding creating an off-leash area in the Barton Springs Spillway

David Lundstedt moved the Animal Advisory Commission recommends the city create an off-leash dog area in the Barton Springs Spillway and in Barton Creek between Barton Springs and Lady Bird Lake, Larry Tucker second. Motion passed. Members voting yes: Lundstedt, Neuhaus, Shaw, and Tucker. Members voting no: Geigel. Members abstained: Ellis

- e. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Coyote Workgroup

No action

Citizen Communication: Pat Valls-Trelles

- f. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on recommendations to Council regarding public input and process in the City Manager's selection of the Chief Animal Services Officer and the interim period before a new Chief Animal Services Officer is selected: **See above**

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss and take action on the 2015 Animal Advisory Commission meeting schedule

Babette Ellis moved to keep the regular meetings to 6 per year, every other month. No second, motion fails.

Palmer Neuhaus moved to hold monthly meetings, Larry Tucker second. Motion passed

Vote: 5members vote yes; Neuhaus, Lundstedt, Tucker, Shaw, Geigel. Voting no: Ellis

Member Dalby absent

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Chapter 823 Health & Safety Code

Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the No Kill Implementation Plan

8. ADJOURNMENT at 6:52 p.m.