



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20150318-002B

Date: March 23, 2015

Subject: Animal Enrichment

Motioned By: Larry Tucker

Seconded By: Robert Shaw

Recommendation;

The Animal Advisory Commission recommends to City Council to direct the City Manager to explore a contract with community organizations to work with Austin Animal Services on a 12 month pilot program focused on dog exercise and enrichment.

Description of Recommendation to Council;

The construction of a large Play Group area could enhance large dog socialization and increase adoptions. It could also relieve the stress put on volunteers by allowing more dogs to be exercised at one time. Training from an outside organization is necessary to ensure the success of such a program.

Rationale:

This item is related to the issue of dogs not being walked in a timely manner and would help alleviate the problem by allowing multiple dogs access to an off leash area in small groups.

Vote

For: Unanimous

Against: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Attest: [Staff or board member can sign]

Joan Hamilton Huber