



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2017
APPROVED December 11, 2017**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2017, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair David Lundstedt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

David Lundstedt, Edward Flores, Angela Means, Heather Allard, Palmer Neuhaus, Craig Nazor, Larry Tucker, Nancy Nemer, Dr. Lauren Cannon, and Isabel Mier

Board Members Absent:

Lisa Mitchell, Mike Kaviani, and Katie Jarl

Staff in Attendance: Lee Ann Shenefiel, Jason Garza, and Belinda Hare

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nancy Nemer moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Larry Tucker seconded. Motion passed unanimously; all members present voted to approve, 10-0. Commissioners Mitchell, Kaviani and Jarl were absent.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

- Lori Anne Smith, Licensing Dog Groomers

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Chief Animal Services Officer Report
October 2017 Animal Services Report
October 2017 Austin Animal Center Report
White Paper: Economic Impact of No Kill on Austin

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on presentation by John M. Tomeček, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
Commissioner Craig Nazor moved that this presentation be given before Item 3a; Commissioner Angela Means seconded the motion. Commissioners voted 10-0 to accept the motion. Commissioners Mitchell, Kaviani, and Jarl were absent.
- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Animal Advisory Commission's 2018 meeting schedule.
Chair David Lundstedt presented the dates for the Commission's 2018 meetings, which are held on the second Monday of each month. Due to March 12 falling during South by Southwest (SXSW) and October 8 being a holiday, Commissioner Craig Nazor moved to approve the 2018 meeting schedule for the second Monday of each month – with the exception of March and October, holding those meetings on the first or third Monday instead. Commissioner Larry Tucker seconded the motion which passed unanimously with all members present voting for the motion, 10-0. Commissioners Mitchell, Kaviani and Jarl were absent.
- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Art in Public Places (AIPP).
City of Austin's Marjorie Flanagan, Art in Public Places Project Manager, and artist Jimmy Liu presented proposed artwork planned for the Animal Services Center campus at 7201 Levander Loop.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Chair David Lundstedt proposed an Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Practice of Declawing Cats. Commissioner Craig Nazor seconded the motion which passed unanimously, with all commissioners present voting, 10 – 0.

- b.** Commissioner Nazor moved to have a representative from the City's Park and Recreation Department (PARC) present an Update, Discussion and Possible Action on "Off Leash Dogs and Enforcement Challenges." Chair Lundstedt seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members present voting unanimously, 10- 0.

8. ADJOURN

Chair David Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. without objection.