



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2018
APPROVED MARCH 19, 2018**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair David Lundstedt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

David Lundstedt, Lisa Mitchell, Katie Jarl, Craig Nazor, Heather Allard, Larry Tucker, Isabel Mier, and Edward Flores

Commission Members Absent: Palmer Neuhaus, Mike Kaviani, Dr. Lauren Cannon, Angela Means, and Nancy Nemer

Staff in Attendance: Jason Garza and Belinda Hare

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Craig Nazor moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018, meeting. Commissioner Katie Jarl seconded. Motion passed unanimously; all members present voted to approve, 8-0. Commissioners Neuhaus, Kaviani, Cannon, Means and Nemer 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.

No Citizen Communication

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Chief Animal Services Officer Report
 - o January 2018 Animal Services Report
 - o January 2018 Austin Animal Center Report

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Commission's 2018 meeting schedule.

Commissioner Nazor moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded a motion to accept the following revisions to the Commission's 2018 meeting schedule: March meeting will be held on the third Monday, March 19, at Waller Creek Center; October meeting will be moved back to original second Monday, October 8, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 1101.

- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Practice of Declawing Cats.
Commissioners discussed identification of stakeholders and implementation of future stakeholder meetings to address the issue of declawing cats.
No action taken.

- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Communication with Travis County Commissioners Court. Commissioner Larry Tucker discussed plans for in-person meeting with Commissioners Court.
No action taken.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Animal Services Office Emergency Plans and Procedures.
No action taken.

- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Dog Walking at the Austin Animal Center.

Speakers included:

- Christine Marquette
- Lotta Smagula
- Alicia Benoit
- Rusty Kaim
- Jane Rubenstein
- Jonathan Hogue

Commissioner Tucker proposed and Commissioner Mitchell seconded his motion to form a workgroup to evaluate Play Groups, including what staff needs in order to bring back Play Groups to a 7-day-a-week frequency and to examine the impact of Play Groups on dog walking. Motion passed unanimously; all members present

voted to approve, 8-0. Commissioners Neuhaus, Kaviani, Cannon, Means and Nemer were absent

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners discussed keeping Declawing Cats, Communication with Travis County Commissioners Court, and Work Group for Play Groups as Old Business on the Agenda for the March 2018 Animal Advisory Commission meeting.

Commissioner Nazor moved to include the three items under Old Business, and Commissioner Mitchell seconded. Motion passed unanimously; all members present voted to approve, 8-0. Commissioners Neuhaus, Kaviani, Cannon, Means and Nemer were absent

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair David Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. without objection.