



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2018
APPROVED APRIL 9, 2018**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018, at Waller Creek Center, First Floor Conference Room 104, 625 E. 10th St., Austin.

Chair David Lundstedt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

David Lundstedt, Lisa Mitchell, Palmer Neuhaus, Mike Kaviani, Craig Nazor, Larry Tucker, Nancy Nemer and Isabel Mier

Commission Members Absent: Heather Allard, Katie Jarl, Dr. Lauren Cannon, Angela Means, and Edward Flores

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Larry Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018, meeting. Commissioner Lisa Mitchell seconded. Motion passed unanimously; all members present voted to approve, 8-0. Commissioners Allard, Jarl, Cannon, Means and Flores 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 February 2018 Animal Services Report
 - o February 2018 Austin Animal Center Report

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Practice of Declawing Cats.
No action taken.
- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Communication with Travis County Commissioners Court. Commissioners Larry Tucker and Nancy Nemer discussed their communication with Travis County Commissioners Court.
No action taken.
- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the formation of a Work Group to evaluate Play Groups, including what staff needs in order to conduct Play Groups seven days a week and to examine the impact Play Groups have on dog walking.
Citizen speakers included:
 - Tom Rott
 - Jonathan HogueCommissioner Tucker proposed and Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion to change the name to Dog Enrichment Work Group. Motion passed unanimously; all members present voted to approve, 8-0. Commissioners Allard, Jarl, Cannon, Means, and Flores were absent

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners discussed keeping Declawing Cats under Old Business, and chair, David Lundstedt, noted that election of officers should be an item under New Business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair David Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. without objection.