



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
July 9, 2018  
APPROVED AUGUST 13, 2018**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 2018, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Boards and Commissions Room 1101, Austin.**

Chair David Lundstedt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

David Lundstedt, Katie Jarl, Craig Nazor, Palmer Neuhaus, Heather Allard, Nancy Nemer, Edward Flores, and Larry Tucker (non-voting former Commissioner)

**Commission Members Absent:** Mike Kaviani, Isabel Mier, Dr. Lauren Cannon, Lisa Mitchell, and Angela Means.

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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Craig Nazor moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018, meeting. Commissioner Jarl seconded. Motion passed unanimously; all members present voted to approve, 7-0, with former Commissioner Tucker abstaining. Commissioners Kaviani, Mier, Cannon, Mitchell, and Means 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 June 2018 Animal Services Report
  - o June 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 the Dog Enrichment Work.  
Commissioner Craig Nazor moved that the Animal Advisory Commission submit a letter in support of the staff and progress being made with enrichment. Commissioner Palmer Neuhaus seconded the motion which passed unanimously; all members present voted 7-0 to approve. Tucker abstained, and Commissioners Kaviani, Mier, Cannon, Mitchell, and Means were absent.
- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Deer Management in Travis County.  
Commissioner Nancy Nemer moved to stop discussion and possible action at this time. Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion. All commissioners present voted to approve, 7-0, with Tucker abstaining. Commissioners Kaviani, Mier, Cannon, Mitchell, and Means were absent.
- d. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding Increasing Live Outcomes.  
Commissioner Palmer Neuhaus proposed removing the item since discussion and actions were taken to improve live outcomes. Commissioner Nemer seconded the proposal which passed unanimously, 7-0, with all commissioners present voting to approve. Tucker abstained, and Commissioners Kaviani, Mier, Cannon, Mitchell, and Means were absent.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Animal Advisory Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018  
Commissioner Katie Jarl proposed cancelling the November 12 meeting due to its being a holiday (Veterans Day). Commissioner Nazor seconded the motion. All commissioners present voted unanimously, 7-0, to cancel the meeting. Tucker abstained, and Commissioners Kaviani, Mier, Cannon, Mitchell, and Means were absent.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Allard moved that Agenda Items 4a and 4b be held over as Old Business for the August 13 Commission meeting. Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion which passed unanimously with all Commissioner present voting, 7-0, in favor. Tucker abstained. Commissioners Kaviani, Mier, Cannon, Mitchell, and Means were absent.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m. without objection.