



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2018
APPROVED October 8, 2018**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 10, 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 6:03 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

David Lundstedt, Lisa Mitchell, Katie Jarl, Craig Nazor, Palmer Neuhaus, Heather Allard, Nancy Nemer, and Ryan Clinton. Dr. Lauren Cannon arrived late.

Commission Members Absent: Angela Means, Isabel Mier, Edward Flores, District 8 vacant

Staff in Attendance: Lee Ann Shenefiel, Jason Garza, and Joan Hamilton-Huber

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ryan Clinton moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018, meeting. Commissioner Jarl seconded. Motion passed unanimously; all members present voted to approve, 8-0. District 8 commissioner seat is vacant. Commissioners Means, Mier and Flores were absent. Commissioner Cannon arrived after the vote.

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 August 2018 Animal Services Report
 - o August 2018 Austin Animal Center Report

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Practice of Declawing Cats.

Speakers included:

- Dr. Katrina Breitreiter, DVM
- Nicole Martell-Moran, DVM
- Dr. Roy B. Smith, DVM
- Dr. Richard Reinap, DVM
- Dr. Gina Vance, DVM
- Monica Frenden
- John M. Garrison
- Susan Bellonzi
- Ernest Samudio
- Anne Zabolio
- Dr. Taia Lubitz, DVM

Commissioner Katie Jarl moved that the Animal Advisory Commission authorize the chair, David Lundstedt, to send a recommendation asking the City Council to pass the Prohibition of the Declawing of Cats, as based on the language in Attachment A, the draft document entitled "Prohibition of the Declawing of Cats." The motion passed unanimously, with all Commissioners present voting in favor, 9-0.

Commissioners Means, Mier and Flores were absent.

In addition, Commissioner Clinton moved to authorize the chair, David Lundstedt, to request an agenda item in order to present to the City's Health and Human Services Committee. Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion. All those present voted unanimously to approve, 9-0, with Commissioners Means, Mier and Flores absent.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the City of Lakeway's Decision to Suspend the Trap, Transport Deer Program.

Commissioner Nazor moved to authorize the chair, David Lundstedt, to write a letter commending the Lakeway City Manager and City Council on the decision to suspend the deer trapping program and offering the Commission's support with the Wildlife Committee's efforts. All those present voted unanimously to approve, 9-0, with Commissioners Means, Mier and Flores absent.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Lundstedt proposed an update, discussion and possible action on the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 823.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. without objection.