



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
December 9 Meeting Minutes**

**REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED January 13, 2020**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 6:30 p.m., 2019, at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd., Room 325, in Austin.

Chair David Lundstedt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: David Lundstedt, Lisa Mitchell, Katie Jarl, Palmer Neuhaus, Craig Nazor, Edward Flores, Jon Brandes, Andrea Schwartz, and Ryan Clinton.

Commission Members Absent: Monica Frenden; Nancy Nemer, Isabel Mier, District 4 Vacant

Staff in Attendance: Don Bland, Jason Garza, and Belinda Hare

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.

- Nicole Netherton – Outdoor Cats and Wildlife
- Erin Van Lanningham – Loose Dogs
- Shelly Liebham – Donations Fund

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nazor moved to approve the October 14, 2019, minutes; Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion. All commissioners present voted to approve, 9 to 0, including Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nazor, Flores, Dr. Brandes, Schwartz, and Clinton. Commissioners Nemer, Mier and Frenden were absent. District 4 is Vacant.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Chief Animal Services Officer Report
 - o October and November 2019 Animal Services Reports
 - o October and November 2019 Austin Animal Center Reports, including report on Donations Fund
- b. Animal Protection Officer, Michelle Baca, recognized as TACA Officer of the Year

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Wildlife Funding Workgroup
Commissioner Nazor moved to pass the resolution requesting Apple, Incorporated, to provide \$100,000 to Austin Wildlife Rescue due to destruction of wildlife habitat by expansion of their campus. Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9 – 0 with Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Jarl, Nazor, Neuhaus, Schwartz, Dr. Brandes, Flores and Clinton voting in favor. Commissioners Frenden, Nemer, and Mier were absent. District 4 position is vacant.
- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Community Solutions to Reduce Shelter Intake.
Commissioner Clinton moved to replace the current workgroup with a Budget and Priorities Workgroup; Commissioner Nazor seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 – 0 with Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Jarl, Nazor, Neuhaus, Schwartz, Dr. Brandes, Flores and Clinton voting in favor. Commissioners Frenden, Nemer, and Mier were absent. District 4 position is vacant.
- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Increase in Cats Euthanized or That Died in Care.
No action.
- d. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Potential Violations of City Code of Ordinance, §3-1-25, Disposition of an Impounded Animal.
No action.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Austin Animal Center's Shelter-Neuter-Release (SNR) Program.
Citizen speakers included the following:
 - Shelly Liebham
 - Val French
 - Chelsea Kotrla
 - Julie Marquis
 - Susan BellonziCommissioner Dr. Jon Brandes moved to create a SNR Workgroup, and Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 – 0 with Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Jarl, Nazor, Neuhaus, Schwartz, Dr. Brandes,

Flores and Clinton voting in favor. Commissioners Frenden, Nemer, and Mier were absent. District 4 position is vacant.

- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding New Meeting Requirements per the Texas Open Meeting Act (TOMA).

No action.

- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on a Proposed Expansion of a Landfill near the Southern End of ABIA's Western Runway and the Impact on Local Animals and Wildlife.

Commissioner Nazor moved to pass the resolution regarding the opposition to the expansion of the landfill. Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion. The motion passed with eight Commissioners, Lundstedt, Mitchell, Jarl, Nazor, Neuhaus, Schwartz, Dr. Brandes, and Flores voting in favor. Commissioner Clinton abstained from voting. Commissioners Frenden, Nemer, and Mier were absent. District 4 position is vacant.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Chair, David Lundstedt, noted that agenda items 4c and 4d are off the agenda and proposed adding a review of recently-approved Code Amendments as a new agenda item. Commissioner Clinton seconded.

Commissioner Neuhaus proposed an Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Target and Reporting Categories as a new agenda item. Commissioner Mitchell seconded.

Commissioner Clinton proposed an Update Discussion and Possible Action on Loose Dogs as a new item. Commissioner Lundstedt seconded the motion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. without objection.