

ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION January 13, 2020, Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING APPROVED February 10, 2020

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting, Monday, January 13, 6 p.m., 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 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: David Lundstedt, Katie Jarl, Palmer Neuhaus, Craig Nazor, Monica Frenden, Andrea Schwartz, JoAnne Norton, Nancy Nemer, and Ryan Clinton.

Commission Members Absent: Lisa Mitchell, Edward Flores, Dr. Jon Brandes, District 4 Vacant

Staff in Attendance: Don Bland, Jason Garza, Mark Sloat, 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.

• Pat Valls-Trelles, Austin Zoo

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Chief Animal Services Officer Report
 - o December 2019 Animal Services Report
 - December Austin Animal Center Report
 - Austin Pets Alive! Q4 2019 Report, Stephanie Bilbro

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Wildlife Funding Workgroup No action.
 - Pat Valls-Trellis
- **b.** Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Budget and Priorities Workgroup No Action
 - Pat Valls-Trellis
- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding New Meeting Requirements per the Texas Open Meeting Act (TOMA) No action.
 - Pat Valls-Trellis
- d. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Potential Violations of City Code of Ordinance, §3-1-25, Disposition of an Impounded Animal. No action.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Austin Animal Center's Shelter-Neuter-Release (SNR) Program.

No Action

Citizen speakers included the following:

- Pat Valls-Trelles
- Julie Marquis
- Shelly Liebham
- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Recently Approved Code Amendments.

Commissioner Clinton proposed that the Animal Services Office staff's version of the revised code language be approved. Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion which passed 9 to 0 with Commissioners Lundstedt, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nazor, Frenden, Schwartz, Norton, Nemer, and Clinton voting in favor. Commissioners Mitchell, Flores, and Dr. Brandes were absent. District 4 position is vacant. Commissioner Schwartz moved to create a new Work Group to reexamine recent code revisions. Commissioner Norton seconded the motion which passed 9 to 0 with Commissioners Lundstedt, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nazor, Frenden, Schwartz, Norton, Nemer, and Clinton voting in favor. Commissioners Mitchell, Flores, and Dr. Brandes were absent. District 4 position is vacant. Commissioner Norton agreed to lead the Work Group.

c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Loose Dogs No Action.

Citizen speakers included the following:

- Pat Valls-Trellis
- Sandra Muller

d. Update Discussion and Possible Action regarding Target and Reporting Categories No Action.

Citizen speaker:

• Pat Valls-Trelles

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Chair Lundstedt requested keeping all Old Business agenda items and carrying over New Business agenda items as Old Business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

a. Chair Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. without objection.