



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
APPROVED October 12, 2020**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened via a remote, Special Called Meeting, Monday, September 21, 2020, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

Chair David Lundstedt conducted a verbal roll call and called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Commission Members in Attendance:** David Lundstedt, Lisa Mitchell, Craig Nazor, Katie Jarl, Edward Flores, Monica Frenden, Andrea Schwartz, JoAnne Norton, and Ryan Clinton.

**Commission Members Absent:** Palmer Neuhaus, Dr. Jon Brandes, Nancy Nemer, District 4 Vacant

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

**Speakers included (agenda item):**

- Ellen Jefferson, 2a
- Lucy Fernandez, 2a
- Yolanda Rodriguez, 2a
- Pat Valls-Trellis, 2a
- Wendy Murphy, 2a

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Nazor moved to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020, meeting, and Commissioner Norton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0. Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nazor, Jarl, Flores, Frenden, Schwartz, Norton, and Clinton voted approval. Commissioners Neuhaus, Dr. Brandes, and Nemer were absent, and District 4 is vacant.

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations from the Human Animal Support Services (HASS) Work Group.

Commissioner Nazor moved to recommend that the City of Austin participate in the Human Animal Support Services (HASS) Program; Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Commissioner Frenden recused from voting. Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nazor, Jarl, and Clinton voted in favor; Commissioners Flores, Schwartz and Norton voted against. Commissioners Neuhaus, Dr. Brandes and Nemer were absent; District 4 position is vacant Motion failed 5-3.

Commissioner Clinton moved to accept the second recommendation from the HASS Work Group which is to recommend that Animal Services be designated an “essential service” and that hiring for Animal Services positions be “unfrozen.”

All Commissioners present voted in favor: Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nazor, Jarl, Flores, Schwartz, Frenden, Clinton and Norton. Motion passed unanimously 9-0. Commissioners Neuhaus, Dr. Brandes and Nemer were absent; District 4 position is vacant

## **3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners agreed to include the following under Old Business:

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

Commissioners to discuss concerns regarding ASO’s SNR program for cats.

- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Code Revision Workgroup

Commissioners to discuss review of Ordinance 2019107-025 and recent Code Revisions regarding public safety and animal welfare.

Commissioners agreed to include the following under New Business:

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action of the Animal Advisory Commission meeting dates for 2021.

- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Human Animal Support Services Pilot.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.