



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED March 8, 2021**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened, via video conferencing, in a Regular Meeting, Monday, February 8, 2021, 6 p.m.

Chair David Lundstedt conducted a verbal roll call and called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: David Lundstedt, Lisa Mitchell, Craig Nazor, Katie Jarl, Edward Flores, Dr. Jon Brandes, Monica Frenden, JoAnne Norton, and Nancy Nemer.

Commission Members Absent: Palmer Neuhaus, Andrea Schwartz, Ryan Clinton, District 4 Vacant

Staff in Attendance: Don Bland, Jason Garza, Dr. Kathryn Lund, Mark Sloat, Belinda Hare

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

The following speakers were allowed a three-minute allotment to express their views on items not posted on the Agenda:

Delia Garza
Meike Alana
Susan Wampler
Rachel Patfield
Valerie Yates
James Piper
Michael Kinney
Donna Skibbie

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarl moved to approve the minutes from the January, 2021, meeting; Commissioner Nemer seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 to 0 with Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nator, Jarl, Frenden, Brandes, Nemer and Norton voting to approve. Commissioner Flores joined the meeting later, after the vote; Commissioners Neuhaus, Clinton, and Schwartz were absent. District 4 position is vacant.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
- b. COVID Update

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Revisions to the City's Vicious Dog Ordinance

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the changes to the Vicious Dog Ordinance; Commissioner Nator seconded the motion. Commissioner Flores joined the meeting and voted to approve, along with Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nator, Jarl, Frenden, Brandes, Nemer and Norton, for a unanimous, 9 to 0 vote. Commissioners Neuhaus, Clinton, and Schwartz were absent. District 4 position is vacant.

- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Comparative Evaluation of Monthly Release Rates
No action taken.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Off Leash Dogs

Commissioner Norton moved to form a Work Group to see what can be done to resolve loose dog issues. Commissioner Nator seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 9 to 0, with Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nator Jarl, Frenden, Flores, Brandes, Nemer and Norton voting to approve. Commissioners Neuhaus, Clinton, and Schwartz were absent. District 4 position is vacant.

Commissioner Nator made a motion to move Agenda Item 4c to the second item under New Business. Commissioner Norton seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 9 to 0, with Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nator Jarl, Frenden, Flores, Brandes, Nemer and Norton voting to approve. Commissioners Neuhaus, Clinton, and Schwartz were absent. District 4 position is vacant.

- b. Discussion, Update and Possible Action on How to Increase Microchipping in the City of Austin
Don Bland is putting together a Work Group and has scheduled a virtual meeting. Commissioners Nator and Flores asked to participate on the Work Group.
- c. Update from the Commission Chair
No action taken.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner agreed to add an agenda item on the City Budget under New Business and to bring forward Agenda Item 3b, Comparative Evaluation of Monthly Release Rates, under Old Business.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lundstedt adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.