



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

**REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED APRIL 12, 2021**

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

Chair David Lundstedt conducted a verbal roll call and called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

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

Commission Members Absent: Dr. Jon Brandes, Andrea Schwartz, District 4 Vacant

Staff in Attendance: Don Bland, Jason Garza, Mark Sloat, Belinda Hare

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: AGENDA ITEMS

The following speakers were allowed a three-minute allotment to express their views on agenda items.

- Joe Lostracco, 3b
- Pat Valls-Trellis, 4a
- Katy Fendrich Turner, 4a
- Rita Cross, 4a
- Chris Fuller-Wigg, 4a

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Lundstedt noted the need to correct, under Approval of Minutes, the date of the minutes from February 8 to January 11, 2021. Commissioner Nazor moved to approve the minutes with the correction; Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 10 to 0, with Commissioners Lundstedt, Mitchell, Nazor, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Frenden, Norton, Clinton, and Nemer voting approval. Commissioners Brandes 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. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Comparative Evaluation of Monthly Release Rates
No action.
- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Off Leash Dogs
No action.
- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Work Group for How to Increase Microchipping in the City of Austin
No action.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Commission's Recommendation to Revise City Ordinance §3-2-8: Training and Control of Animals.
Chair Lundstedt led discussion on history, rationale, and benefit of the original recommendation which, he noted, does not authorize animal abuse. Commissioners chose to keep original recommendation as it and return to City Council.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners agreed to keep all agenda items under Old Business and to add Election of Officers to New Business for the April 12 meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lundstedt adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 7:34 p.m.