



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES July 12, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING  
APPROVED July 19, 2021**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened, via video conferencing, in a Regular Meeting, Monday, July 12, 2021, 3 p.m.**

Commission Chair Craig Nazor called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m., conducted a verbal roll call of those in attendance, and introduced new District 6 Commissioner, Luis Herrera.

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Craig Nazor, Katie Jarl, Palmer Neuhaus, Edward Flores, Monica Frenden, Jo Anne Norton, Ryan Clinton, Nancy Nemer, Lotta Smagula, and Luis Herrera.

**Commission Members Absent:** Lisa Mitchell, Dr. Jon Brandes, and Yolanda Rodriguez Pacheco were absent.

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

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Amber Rowland, 4b  
Jeanne Daniels, 4b  
Shannon Haas, general  
Macie Sharpe, 4b  
Pat Valls-Trellis, general

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the minutes from the Animal Advisory Commission meeting, June 14, 2021, and Commissioner Frenden seconded the motion. Motion passed, 9 to 0, with Commissioners Nazor, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Frenden, Norton, Clinton, Smagula and Herrera voting approval. Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, and Rodriguez Pacheco were absent. Commissioner Nemer arrived later, during staff briefings, and did not vote.

Commissioner Frenden proposed moving Agenda Item 4b to immediately after Staff Briefings. Commissioner Neuhaus seconded the motion which passed 9 to 0, with Commissioners Nazor, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Frenden, Norton, Clinton, Smagula and Herrera voting approval. Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, and Rodriguez Pacheco were absent. Commissioner Nemer arrived later, during staff briefings, and did not vote.

## **2. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
- b. COVID Update
- c. ASO Budget, Robert Brizendine, City of Austin Budget Office

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Shelter Space Conditions and Austin Animal Center Memo to Mayor and Council Announcing Potential Notifications of Euthanasia for Space

Commissioner Clinton proposed creating a Working Group to examine the space conditions at the Austin Animal Center and proposed having Commissioner Neuhaus lead the group. Commissioner Neuhaus seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 10 to 0, with Commissioners Nazor, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Frenden, Norton, Clinton, Nemer, Smagula and Herrera voting approval. Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, and Rodriguez Pacheco were absent.

Commissioner Neuhaus moved that the Working Group be empowered to request information on behalf of the Animal Advisory Commission. Commissioner Nemer seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 10 to 0, with Commissioners Nazor, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Frenden, Norton, Clinton, Nemer, Smagula and Herrera voting approval. Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, and Rodriguez Pacheco were absent.

## **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 Monthly Reporting Data  
No action.
- c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Off Leash Dogs  
No action.
- d. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Work Group for How to Increase Microchipping in the City of Austin  
No action.
- e. Update, Discussion on Placement Partner Transfer Agreement  
No action

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Austin Police Department's Animal Cruelty Division  
No action.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Nazor has scheduled a Special Called meeting, and commissioners agreed to include the Austin Pets Alive! Quarterly Report, an update on the Working Group formed to examine space issues, and an update on APD's Animal Cruelty Division. Commissioners agreed to move Old Business agenda items 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d and 3e, along with remaining items from the Special Called meeting, to the August 9, 2021, meeting.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Chair Nazor adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 4:57 p.m.