



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED OCTOBER 11, 2021**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a Regular Meeting, Monday, September 13, 2021, 6 p.m., in Room 1101, City Hall.

Commission Chair Craig Nazor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., conducted a verbal roll call of those in attendance and confirmed a quorum of 11 commissioners. Seven commissioners attended the meeting in person, including Commissioners Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Smagula, and Herrera. Four commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, Frenden and Norton. Commissioners Nemer and Rodriguez-Pacheco were absent.

Commission Members in Attendance: Seven commissioners attended the meeting in person, including Commissioners Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Smagula, and Herrera. Four commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, Frenden and Norton. Commissioners Nemer and Rodriguez-Pacheco were absent.

Commission Members Absent: Commissioners Nemer and Rodriguez Pacheco were absent.

Staff in Attendance: Don Bland, Jason Garza

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:
Kristen Hassen

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarl moved to approve the minutes from the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting, August 9, 2021, and Commissioner Flores seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 11 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance voting approval: Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Smagula, and Herrera. Four commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, Frenden and Norton. Commissioners Nemer and Rodriguez-Pacheco were absent.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
- b. COVID Update
- c. Briefing on Expiration of Eviction Moratorium by representatives Laura La Fuentes and Nefertiti Jackmon, Austin Public Health, and Molly Jensen, executive director, the Austin Tenants Council,

3. OLD BUSINESS: a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Comparative Evaluations of Monthly Release Rates
No action.
- b. Monthly Reporting of Data
No action.
- c. Working Group on Off-Leash Dogs
No action.
- d. Working Group on How to Increase Microchipping in the City of Austin
No action.
- e. Placement Partner Transfer Agreement
No action.
- f. Shelter Space Issues Working Group
No action.
- g. Austin Pets Alive!'s Future at the Town Lake Animal Center and the Maintenance of No Kill
No action.

4. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Creation of a Committee Related to the City's No Kill Policy and Amend the Commission's Bylaws Accordingly
Commissioner Neuhaus moved to form a committee to sustain and advance No Kill in Austin. Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 11 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance voting approval: Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Smagula, and Herrera. Four commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, Frenden and Norton. Commissioners Nemer and Rodriguez-Pacheco were absent.

Commissioner Clinton moved to request permission from the City Council and whatever other committee is necessary to allow the commission to amend bylaws to establish a No Kill Committee. Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion which pass unanimously, 11 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance voting approval: Nazon, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Flores, Smagula, and Herrera. Four commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Brandes, Frenzen and Norton. Commissioners Nemer and Rodriguez-Pacheco were absent.

- b. Transferring Austin Animal Center Animals to Other Communities
No action.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners agreed to retain agenda items under Old Business, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3f, and to retain agenda items 4a and 4b under Old Business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair Craig Nazon adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 8:05 p.m.