



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a Regular Meeting, Monday, October 11, 2021, 6 p.m., in Room 1101, City Hall.

Commission Chair Craig Nazor called the meeting to order at 6 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, Dr. Brandes, Smagula, and Herrera. Four commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Nemer, Frenden and Norton. Commissioner Flores joined virtually at 6:15 p.m., during Agenda Item 2c.

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Rodriguez Pacheco was absent.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Clinton moved to approve the minutes from the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting, September 13, 2021, and Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 11 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance voting approval: Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Brandes, Smagula, and Herrera. Four commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Nemer, Frenden and Norton (Commissioner Flores joined later). Commissioner Rodriguez-Pacheco was absent.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
- b. COVID Update
- c. Office of the City Clerk Refresher Training: Roles and Responsibilities, Myrna Rios and Stephanie Hall
- d. IT/Data Presentation, Austin Public Health's Phillip Bays and Chris Collins
- e. Fire Code Requirements for Nonprofit and Commercial Animal Shelters and Boarding Facilities in Austin, Ben Flick, Austin Fire Department, Fire Marshall's Office
- f. Austin Pets Alive! Quarterly Report, Dr. Ellen Jefferson

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. Shelter Space Issues Working Group
Commissioner Neuhaus moved to dissolve the Shelter Space Issues Working Group; Commissioner Jarl seconded the motion which passed 12 to 0 with all participating Commissioners voting approval: Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Brandes, Smagula, and Herrera; and the five commissioners who participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Mitchell, Nemer, Frenden, Flores and Norton. Commissioner Rodriguez-Pacheco was absent.
- f. Austin Pets Alive!'s Future at the Town Lake Animal Center and the Maintenance of No Kill
No action.
- g. Transferring Austin Animal Center Animals to Other Communities
No action.

4. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- Fire Code Requirements for Nonprofit and Commercial Animal Shelters and Boarding Facilities in Austin, Bret Flick, Engineer, Austin Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshall.
No Action

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

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