



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
February 14, 2022

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APPROVED MARCH 14, 2022

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a Special Called Meeting, Monday, February 14, 2021, 6 p.m., in Room 1101, City Hall.

Commission Vice Chair, Ryan Clinton, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., conducted a roll call of those in attendance and confirmed a quorum of 10 commissioners. He introduced newly appointed Commissioner for District 2, Bea Dulzaides.

Three commissioners attended the meeting in person, including Commissioners Clinton, Smagula and Dulzaides. Seven commissioners participated via virtual teleconferencing, including Commissioners Nazor, Mitchell, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nemer, Norton, and Herrera.

Commission Members Absent: Dr. Jon Brandes Edward Flores, Monica Frenden (resigned)

Staff in Attendance: Animal Services Office: Don Bland, Jason Garza, Belinda Hare; Sarah Aguilar, Austin Pets Alive!

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Virtual:

Joanne Molinyawe, Budget
Wendy Murphy, Spay/Neuter
Ron Comeau, HASS Program
Pat Valls-Trellis, Budget; Spay/Neuter
Sandra Muller, AAC/APA! Transfer, Funding

In Person:

Amber Rowland, Dr. Jefferson Misrepresentation of Data

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Herrera moved to approve the minutes from the Animal Advisory Commission Special Called Meeting, February 14, 2022. Commissioner Smagula seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 10 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance voting approval: Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Smagula, Herrera. Mitchell, Nemer, Norton and Dulzaides.

2. BRIEFINGS

- a. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
- b. COVID Update
- c. Austin Pets Alive! Quarterly 4 Report, Sarah Aguilar

3. OLD BUSINESS: 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. Austin Pets Alive!'s Future at the Town Lake Animal Center and the Maintenance of No Kill
No action.
- f. Transferring Austin Animal Center Animals to Other Communities
No action.
- g. Fire Code Requirements for Nonprofit and Commercial Animal Shelters and Boarding Facilities in Austin
Commissioner Nazor moved to recommend that City Council Review, Analyze and Take Action regarding Fire Code Requirements Revisions. Commissioner Nazor seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 10 – 0, with all Commissioners in attendance voting in favor: Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Smagula, Herrera. Mitchell, Nemer, Norton and Dulzaides.

4. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Adoption of Bylaw Amendment for Creation of No Kill Committee as Approved by City Council.
Commissioner Nazor proposed a vote on setting up a No-Kill Committee as approved by City Council. Commissioner Neuhaus seconded the motion which passed 9 to 1, with Commissioners Nazor, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Smagula, Mitchell, Nemer, Norton and Dulzaides voting in favor. Commissioner Herrera voted against. Commissioners Nazor, Nemer, Neuhaus, Mitchell and Smagula were identified as members of the committee.

- b. Proposed Animal Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule 2022
Commissioner Nator moved to accept the 2022 meeting schedule on the second Monday of each month as proposed; Commissioner Dulzaides seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 10 to 1, with all Commissioners in attendance voting in favor: Nator, Clinton, Jarl, Neuhaus, Smagula, Herrera. Mitchell, Nemer, Norton and Dulzaides.
- c. Disposition of the dedicated wildlife Animal Protection Officer (APO)
No Action.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners agreed to retain agenda items under Old Business, 3b, 3c, 3d, and 3e. Commissioner Norton moved to include, under New Business, Discussion and Possible Action on Establishment of Satellite Adoption Centers by the Austin Animal Center. Commissioner Nator moved to include Discussion and Possible Action on the FY 23 Budget; Commissioner Dulzaides seconded the motion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Clinton adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 8:50 p.m.