



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
APRIL 11, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING  
APPROVED MAY 9, 2022**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, 6 p.m., in the Boards and Commissions Room 1101 at Austin City Hall.**

Commission Chair, Craig Nazor, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., conducted a roll call of those in attendance and confirmed a quorum of eight commissioners at the time of roll call. Four Commissioners attended the meeting in person: Nazor, Smagula, Norton and Hassen. Six Commissioners attended via teleconferencing: Mitchell, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nemer, Herrera and Dulzaides. Commissioner Herrera joined the meeting during Approval of Minutes, and Nemer joined the meeting during Agenda Item 2, Briefings, for a total of 10 commissioners in attendance. Commissioner Clinton was absent. Districts 4 and 10 are currently vacant.

**Commission Members Absent:** Clinton

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

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

**Virtual:**

Pat Valls-Trellis

**In Person:**

Dr. Ellen Jefferson  
Amber Rowland

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the minutes from the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting, March 14, 2022. Commissioner Hassen seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 9 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance at the time voting approval: Nazor, Smagula, Norton, Jarl, Dulzaides Mitchell, Hassen, Neuhaus and Herrera.

**2. BRIEFINGS**

- a. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
- b. COVID Update

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

- a. Monthly Reporting of Data  
No action.
- b. Working Group on Off-Leash Dogs  
Commissioner Norton presented a summary of the findings from the Working Group. Chair Nazor noted the dissolution of the Working Group/
- c. Working Group on How to Increase Microchipping in the City of Austin  
No action.
- d. Austin Pets Alive!'s Future at the Town Lake Animal Center and the Maintenance of No Kill  
No action.
- e. Transferring Austin Animal Center Animals to Other Communities  
No action.

**4. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action**

- a. Election of Officers  
Commissioner Norton nominated Commissioner Nazor as Chair; Commissioner Hassen seconded. Commissioner Nazor nominated Commissioner Clinton for Vice Chair, and Commissioner Dulzaides seconded. Commissioner Nazor nominated Commissioner Hassen for Parliamentarian, and Commissioner Nemer seconded. A vote on the three nominees was taken with all Commissioners in attendance voting approval, 10 – 0: Nazor, Smagula, Norton, Hassen, Mitchell, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nemer, Herrera and Dulzaides. Commissioner Clinton was absent. Districts 4 and 10 are vacant. Commissioner Nazor was reelected to serve as Chair; Commissioner Clinton was reelected to serve as Vice Chair and Commissioner Hassen to serve as Parliamentarian.
- b. Funding to Support Equitable Microchipping of Austin Pets  
Commissioner Herrera moved to recommend that the Austin City Council approve \$100,000 in the FY 23 budget to be used to make microchipping of pets free in the City of Austin. Microchipping is an inexpensive, efficient tool or link for reuniting lost pets with their owners. Commissioner Norton seconded the motion which passed unanimously, with all Commissioners voting approval: Nazor, Smagula, Norton, Hassen, Mitchell, Jarl, Neuhaus, Nemer, Herrera and Dulzaides. Commissioner Clinton was absent. Districts 4 and 10 are vacant.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

New agenda items include Space Crisis and Recommendation from Working Group, Request for Additional ASO Staff for FY 23 Budget, and second attempt at revising the Vicious Dog Ordinance

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Chair Nazor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:10 p.m.