



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2022

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on Monday, May 9, 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 6:04 p.m. and welcomed new District 4 Commissioner, Dr. Paige Nilson, to her first meeting. Chair Nazor conducted a roll call of those in attendance and confirmed a quorum of 10 commissioners. Seven Commissioners attended the meeting in person: Nazor, Jarl, Clinton, Smagula, Herrera, Hassen and Dr. Paige Nilson. Three Commissioners attended via teleconferencing: Mitchell, Neuhaus, and Dulzaides. Commissioner Nemer joined the meeting at Old Business, Agenda Item 3b. Commissioner Norton was absent, and District 10 is vacant.

Commission Members Absent: Norton

Staff in Attendance: Don Bland, Jason Garza, Belinda Hare, Dr. Kathryn Lund, Abigail Varela, Rebekha Montie, Kelsey Cler, Sarah Luce, Mary Brown, Nicole Savage

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Virtual:

Emily Steinberg
Eileen McFall
Stephanie Loayza
Zachary Loayza

In Person:

Beverly Luna
Ashley Niels
Shelly Leibhan
Rhonda Pickens
Joann Molinyawe

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarl moved to approve the minutes from the Animal Advisory Commission Meeting, April 11, 2022. Commissioner Dulzaides seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 10 to 0, with all Commissioners in attendance at the time voting approval: Nazor, Jarl, Clinton, Smagula, Herrera, Hassen, Dr. Paige Nilson, Mitchell, Neuhaus, and Dulzaides. Commissioner Nemer joined the meeting at Old Business; Commissioner Norton was absent, and District 10 is vacant.

2. BRIEFINGS

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

3. OLD BUSINESS: Update, Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Monthly Reporting of Data
No action.
- b. Working Group on How to Increase Microchipping in the City of Austin
No action.
- c. Austin Pets Alive!'s Future at the Town Lake Animal Center and the Maintenance of No Kill
No action.
- d. Transferring Austin Animal Center Animals to Other Communities
No action.

4. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Austin Animal Center Space Crisis and Recommendations from the Space Crisis Working Group
Commissioner Neuhaus moved to resubmit the recommendations from the Space Crisis Working Group; Commissioner Nemer seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 9 to 1 with one abstention. Nine commissioners voted for the proposal: Nazor, Jarl, Clinton, Smagula, Hassen, Mitchell, Neuhaus, and Dulzaides. Commissioner Herrera voted against the motion. Commissioner Nilson abstained.
In addition, Commissioner Neuhaus moved to reform or recreate the Working Group on space issues. Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion which passed with nine commissioners voting approval: Nazor, Jarl, Clinton, Smagula, Hassen, Nemer, Mitchell, Neuhaus, and Dulzaides. Commissioners Herrera and Dr. Nilson abstained.

Identified to serve on the working group were Commissioners Neuhaus, Hassen and Nilson. District 10 is vacant.

b. Austin Animal Center Staffing Request for FY 23

Commissioner Clinton proposed that the Working Group on space provide budgetary analysis and proposal to Council for June. Commissioner Smagula seconded the motion which passed with 10 votes in favor. Commissioner Nilson abstained with all other Commissioners voting in favor: Nazor, Jarl, Clinton, Smagula, Hassen, Nemer, Mitchell, Neuhaus, Herrera and Dulzaides. District 10 is vacant.

c. Resubmission of Vicious Dog Recommendation to Correct Language Error
No action

d. Revision of Fowl Enclosure Ordinance by Austin Public Health

Commissioner Clinton moved to accept the proposed ordinance revision which was seconded by Commissioner Hassen. The motion passed with 10 commissioners voting approval: Nazor, Jarl, Clinton, Smagula, Hassen, Nemer, Nilson, Neuhaus, Herrera and Dulzaides. Commissioner Mitchell abstained. District 10 is vacant.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners agreed to retain agenda items under Old Business, 3a and 3d. Commissioners agreed that New Business Agenda items 4a, 4b and 4c will be moved to Old Business. Commissioners also included two, new agenda items on the hold period ordinance and spay/neuter on second impoundment under New Business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair Nazor adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:40 p.m.