



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED September 12, 2022**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 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., conducted a roll call of those in attendance and confirmed a quorum of 11 commissioners. Seven Commissioners attended the meeting in person: Nazor, Smagula, Norton, Herrera, Dulzaides, Dr. Nilson and Hansen. Five Commissioners attended via teleconferencing: Mitchell, Neuhaus, Nemer, Jarl and Clinton. District 10 is vacant.

Commission Members Absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

In-person:

Kayla Murray
Rochelle Vickery
Kelli Patrick
David Loignon

Virtual:

Krystal Neal
Eileen McFall
Grace Ariola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Correction was noted for Agenda Item 4b; Dr. Nilson was identified as the second abstention on the vote. Commissioner Norton moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Commissioner Smagula seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 12 to 0, with all Commissioners voting approval: Nazor, Jarl, Clinton, Smagula, Herrera, Hassen, Nilson, Norton, Mitchell, Neuhaus, Nemer and Dulzaides. District 10 is vacant.

BRIEFINGS

2. Austin Animal Center and Animal Services Reports
3. AAC Staffing and Services
4. AAC Public Communications on Services

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Presentation by Parliamentarian regarding Roberts Rules of Order
6. Presentation by Austin Pets Alive! regarding APA! Quarterly Report

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Chair Nazor proposed moving up agenda item 14 which has two public speakers. Commissioner Dulzaides moved to approve; Commissioner Smagula seconded. Commissioners voted 12 – 0 to move the item.

14. Discussion and Possible Action of the reconsideration of Section 3-1-26 (D), Austin City Code, Notice to Rescue Organizations, regarding an animal exhibiting visible signs of pregnancy

Speakers:

Shellie Liebham

Chelsea Kotrla

Commissioner Hassen moved to postpone the discussion to the next meeting; Commissioner Nemer seconded the motion which failed with six commissioners voting for the proposal, including Commissioners Nazor, Jarl, Mitchell, Nemer, Dulzaides and Hassen.

Commissioner Hassen moved to vote on the proposal; Commissioner Nemer seconded. The proposal failed by a vote of four to eight. Voting for the proposal were Commissioners Dr. Nilson, Herrera, Norton and Smagula. Voting against were Commissioners Nazor, Clinton, Mitchell, Hassen, Jarl, Neuhaus, Dulzaides and Nemer.

Commissioner Hassen exited the meeting after the vote.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on ACC Monthly Reporting of Data
No action
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Transferring Austin Animal Center Animals to Other Communities
No action.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Austin Animal Center Space Crisis and Recommendations from the Space Crisis Working Group
No action.
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Austin Animal Center Staffing Request for Budget FY 23
No Action
11. Discussion and Possible Action on Hold Period Ordinance
No action
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Inclusion of Animal Services in the City of Austin's next Five-Year Strategic Plan
No action
13. Discussion and Possible Action on 3-1-1 Flow Charts and Information
No Action

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Smagula asked to include cooling centers under Discussion and Possible Action. Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion. Commissioner Nazor asked to include building code changes for birds, and Commissioner Smagula seconded. In discussion, commissioners agreed to keep Discussion and Action Items 7, 8, 9 and 12 as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair Nazor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:49 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the September 12, 2022, meeting on Commissioner Norton's motion, Commissioner Smagula's second on a 11 to 0 vote.