



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Monday, November 13, 2023
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Room 1101, Austin, Texas. Chair Ryan Clinton called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum of 12 commissioners, including Chair Ryan Clinton, Vice Chair Larry Tucker. Commissioners Dr. Amanda Bruce, Whiney Holt, Nancy Nemer, Lotta Smagula, Dr. Paige Nilson, Sarah Huddleston, Beatriz Dulzaides, Ann Linder, and Luis Herrera. Commissioner Kristen Hassen was absent.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Claudia Hollern -Finder to Foster Program

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Commissioners unanimously approved the October 9, 2023, minutes, 12 to 0. No changes requested.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion and action on the Proposed 2024 monthly meeting schedule for the Animal Advisory Commission.

Chair Clinton moved to adopt a meeting schedule for 2024 as listed in backup with the exception of March and November when no meeting will be held. The schedule was approved by a quorum of seven Commissioners, including Commissioners Clinton, Tucker, Dr. Bruce, Nemer, Smagula, Huddleston and Herrera. Commissioners Dr Paige Nilson, Beatriz Dulzaides, and Whitney Holt opposed, and Ann Linder abstained.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. The Team Building Retreat, facilitated by SNAP Management, focused on identifying common themes for optimizing the delivery of services. Assistant City Manager Stephanie Hayden-Howard welcomed commissioners and was on hand to answer questions.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

4. Commissioner Luis Herrera moved, and Dr. Bruce seconded, to create a Working Group to Stop Pregnancy.
5. Discussion to create the Finder to Foster Working Group

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Tucker adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:20 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the December 11, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Linder's motion and Commissioner Herrera's second on a 9 to 0 vote.