



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Monday, December 11, 2023
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on December 11, 2023, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Larry Tucker called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum of 10 commissioners, including Commissioners Linder, Herrera, Dr. Nilson, Dr. Bruce, and Smagula who attended in person. Commissioners Nemer, Loney, Dulzaides, and Holt participating virtually. Chair Clinton and Commissioners Hassen and Huddleston were absent.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Dan Eckam-General Comments
Rochelle Vickery-General Comments
Misty Valenta-General Comments
Craig Nazar- Agenda Item 3, Euthanizing Deer
Pat Valls Trelles- General Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Linder moved to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023, meeting; Commissioner Herrera seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 10 to 0.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Overview of monthly reports provided by Animal Service Office Staff.

Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer, and Deputy Chief Jason Garza presented November reports and responded to questions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution Concerning Euthanizing Injured Deer.

Resident Craig Nazar presented a resolution concerning the euthanizations of deer. Commissioner Smagula proposed forming a working group to research the current process and determine whether it needs to be changed. Commissioner Herrera seconded the motion which passed, 8 to 1. With Commissioner Dr. Bruce opposing.

4. Discussion and Update from the Finder to Foster Working Group.

Dr. Nilson presented an update on the topic.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Dr. Nilson asked to keep the Finder to Foster Program under Discussion and Possible Action. Commissioner Herrera seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dr. Nilson asked for a Discussion item regarding the formation of a working group to discuss the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Larry Tucker adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the January 8, 2024, meeting on Commissioner Linder's motion and Commissioner Herrera's second on an unanimous vote of 12 to 0..