



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Monday, October 09, 2023
APPROVED Meeting Minutes

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on Monday, October 09, 2023, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Larry Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum of 10 commissioners. Vice Chair Larry Tucker and Commissioners Dr. Paige Nilson, Whiney Holt, Sarah Huddleston, Luis Herrera, and Dr. Amanda Bruce attended in person. Chair Ryan Clinton and Commissioners Ann Linder, Nancy Nemer and Beatriz Dulzaides attended virtually. Commissioners Lotta Smagula, Kristen Hassen and Lauren Loney were absent.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Rochelle Vickery
Sandra Muller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Chair Clinton said he did not vote against approval of the minutes for September and asked for a correction. Commissioner Huddleston moved to approve the minutes as corrected, and Commissioner Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, 10 to 0.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

Overview of monthly reports provided by Animal Service Office Staff. Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. Presentation of the Monthly Report by Austin Pet Alive!, presented by Stephanie Bilbro, APA! Director of Operations. Report was provided in back-up documents.
3. Discussion on potential changes to the City Code needed to implement a Finder to Foster Program within Animal Services and potential creation of a Commission Working Group to research the Finder to Foster program. Commissioner Smagula and Nilson asked to be on the working group.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

4. Commissioner Luis Herrera motioned to create a working group to stop pregnancy. Commissioner Sarah Huddleston seconded the motion.
5. Dr. Nilson moved to forward the Finder to Foster Program

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Larry Tucker adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes approved November 13, 2023; Commissioner Nemer moved to approve; Commissioner Linder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 12 to 0.