



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Monday, January 8, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a regular meeting on January 8, 2024, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair Ryan Clinton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum of 12 Commissioners, including Vice Chair Tucker, Smagula, Dr. Nilson, Herrera, Dr. Bruce who attended in person. Commissioners Dulzaides, Nemer, Holt, Huddleston, Hassen and Linder participated virtually.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Rochell Vickery - General Comment
Pat Valls-Trelles - General Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Commissioner Linder moved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2023; Commissioner Holt seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 12 to 0.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Overview of monthly reports provided by Animal Service Office Staff.
Deputy Chief Jason Garza presented December reports and responded to questions. Monthly reports were submitted in backup.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Quarterly Report by Austin Pets Alive!
Presented by Stephanie Bilbro, Austin Pets Alive! Director of Operations. Quarterly reports were submitted in backup.
4. Discussion on Euthanization Process for Injured Deer
No action. Staff briefing requested.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and possible action on formation of Working Group on FINDER to Foster Program.
Commissioner Dr. Nilson proposed the creation of a Working Group. Commissioner Herrera seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all 12 commissioners voting in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action on creating a Working Group to Discuss and Make Budget Recommendations.

Commissioner Dr. Nilson proposed the creation of a Working Group. Commissioner Dr. Bruce seconded an amended motion to create a Working Group to Discuss and Make Budget Recommendations. Motion passed unanimously with all 12 commissioners voting in favor. Commissioner Dr. Bruce will serve as Chair of the Working Group.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff Briefing: A staff briefing on the Emancipet contract was requested by Commissioner Dr. Bruce with a second from Commissioner Dr. Nilson.

Discussion Item: An item to form a working group to discuss the Emancipet contract was requested by Commissioner Dr. Bruce with a second from Commissioner Dr. Nilson.

Discussion and Possible Action: Commissioner Dr. Nilson proposed an item for discussion and possible action to form a Working Group on the Finder to Foster Program. Commissioner Smagula second the motion.

Discussion and Possible Action: Commissioner Dr. Nilson proposed the formation of a Working Group on owner-intended euthanasia at the Austin Animal Center. Commissioner Herrera seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Clinton adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the February 12, 2024, meeting on Commissioner Linder's motion, Commissioner Herrera's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Huddleston and Nemer were absent.