



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2009**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a special meeting on Monday, December 14, 2009 at Town Lake Animal Center, 1156 Cesar Chavez, Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Tucker, David Lundstedt, Babette Ellis, Ellen Jefferson, , Palmer Neuhaus and Robert Graham

Board Members Absent: Lisa McClain

Staff in Attendance: Dorinda Pulliam and Linda Terry

1. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Katie Reed – Adoption Cost
- Linda Norelli
- Joy Trost – Dog Training
- Chris Morris – Volunteer Training
- Brad Beam
- Roger Williams – In support of APA Offsite Adoption Proposal (handout)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Babette Ellis moved to approve minutes for December 7, 2009 Special Meeting. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Review & take appropriate action on reporting requirements as reflected in the November 30, 2009 Minutes.

- Ellen Jefferson motioned that a subcommittee be formed to explore performance measures and report detailed information for each recommendation item by February 1, 2010. Babette Ellis second. 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

Performance Measure Subcommittee appointees are: Lisa McClain, Robert Graham, David Lundstedt and Larry Tucker (nonvoting). First subcommittee meeting scheduled for January 4, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

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4. NEW BUSINESS

AAC Recommendation I: Increase Live Outcomes

A1: Offsite Adoptions

a. Review the Animal Advisory Commission Referrals from October 27, 2009

No Motions

c. Discussion of AAC Recommendation I: Increase Live Outcomes A2-6: Increased Capacity for Adoption make-ready, behavioral, empty kennel usage, Davenport building use after shelter move and increased public awareness.

1. Presentations:

- Megan Turner (Love a Bull) – Pit bull adoption/reducing euthanasia/proposal.
- Ellen Jefferson, President of APA – Comprehensive Adoption Program APA!

2. Invited Speakers:

- Ellen Jefferson, President of APA – Austin Pets Alive! Current Adoption Program.

3. City Presentation:

Citizens Communications

- Marnie Reeder
- Jeff Cullen
- Bad Bean – Behavior
- Ryan Clinton
- Pat Valls-Trelles – Increased in Outcomes
- Chandra Lawson – Increase Live Outcomes
- Adette Quinlana – Increase Public Awareness Adopt Don't Buy

4. Discussion of AAC Recommendation I: Increase Live Outcomes A2-6

Ellen Jefferson and Palmer Neuhaus recused themselves from the discussion of this item.

- David Lundstedt moved to authorize Larry Tucker, Chair, to contact the Parks Board to determine how the Animal Advisory Commission can become involved in the comprehensive planning for the Davenport Building. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 4 in Favor 0 Opposed with 2 recused.
- Larry Tucker moved to accept the recommendation of APA! Proposal for Comprehensive Adoption Program. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 4 in Favor 0 Opposed with 2 recused.

- Larry Tucker moved to explore the possibility of Love-A-Bull partnering with the City for a pilot project. David Lundstedt second. . Motion Carried: 4 in Favor 0 Opposed with 2 recused.

Ellen Jefferson and Palmer Neuhaus rejoined the AAC Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Larry Tucker moved to add include the PARD presentation on the Davenport Building for the date agreed upon with PARD. Babette Ellis seconded. Motion Carried: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Larry Tucker declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.