



## **ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
January 31, 2010**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2010 at the Austin Energy Building, First Floor Assembly Room, 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.**

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

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Staff in Attendance:** Bob Corona, Melanie Miller and Linda Terry

### **1. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Heather Bailey

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **January 25, 2009 Meeting Minutes:**

- Babette Ellis moved to approval of minutes to the regular AAC Special meeting held January 25, 2010. David Lundstedt second. Motion carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **4. New Business**

#### **a. Review and Discuss Implementation Plan Recommendations and Take Appropriate Action:**

- **Citizens Communication:**
  - Brad Beam – Public Awareness (RTO)
  - Julia Dworschack – Rescue
  - Marnie Reeder – Several Topics

**Note:** All motions for Agenda Item 4(a) apply to the “Tucker Draft Memo to Austin City Council and City Manager Re: Plan to Implement Policies and Programs to Reduce Intake and Increase Live Outcomes dated February 16, 2010.” Both the first Draft and the Resulting As Amended Draft are included as part of the official record of this meeting. The motions are arranged in order of the first Draft rather than by the bullets on the posted Agenda.

- Larry Tucker moved to approve the first two paragraphs of the Draft as amended. David Lundstedt second with a Friendly Amendment by Lisa McClain to add a third paragraph regarding citizen communication. Accepted by Maker and Second. Motion Carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

## **I. Recommendations for Structural Changes to Enhance Lifesaving**

- Larry Tucker moved to approve Section I(A), Paragraphs 1-5 Revise the Mission of Animal Services as amended. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Lisa McClain moved to approve Section I(B), Paragraphs 1-4 Reporting Public Information as amended. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 6 in favor. 1 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved that each person limited to 1 minute discussion on each item. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

## **II. Increasing Live Outcomes**

### ***ELLEN JEFFERSON AND PALMER NEUHAUS RECUSED***

- Larry Tucker moved to approve Section II(A), paragraphs 1-3, Comprehensive Adoption Program. Lisa McClain second. 5 in favor. 0 opposed, 2 Recused, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Lisa McClain moved to take a break and go off the record. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 5 in favor. 0 opposed, 2 Recused, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

Back on the record at 2:20 p .m.

- Larry Tucker moved to reconsider Section II(A), paragraph(3)(a) for additional amendment deleting the 10-25% language at the end of the paragraph. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 5 in favor. 0 opposed, 2 Recused, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

***JEFFERSON AND NEUHAUS RETURNED TO DAIS***

- Larry Tucker moved to approve Section II(B), paragraphs 1-6, Future Use of Current TLAC Site as amended. Second by Lisa McClain. Motion Carried: 6 in favor. 1 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

***JEFFERSON AND NEUHAUS RECUSED***

- Larry Tucker moved to approve Section II(C), paragraphs 1-5, Large-Scale Foster Program as amended. Second by David Lundstedt; Motion Carried: 5 in favor. 0 opposed, 2 Recused, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

***JEFFERSON AND NEUHAUS RETURNED TO DAIS***

- Lisa McClain moved to approve Section II(D), paragraphs 1-5, Increase Feral-Cat Live Outcomes as amended. Second by Robert Graham; Motion Carried: 6 in favor. 1 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Larry Tucker moved to approve Section II(E), paragraphs 1-5, Public Awareness & Advocacy as amended. Second by Babette Ellis; Motion Carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

**III. Decrease Shelter Intake**

***JEFFERSON AND NEUHAUS RECUSED***

- Larry Tucker moved to approve Section III(A), paragraphs 1-5, Decrease Owner Surrenders as amended. Second by Lisa McClain; Motion Carried: 5 in favor. 0 opposed, 2 Recused, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

***JEFFERSON AND NEUHAUS RETURNED TO DAIS***

- Robert Graham moved to approve Section III(B), paragraphs 1-5, High-Volume, Free and Low-Cost Spays and Neuters as amended. Second by Lisa McClain; Motion Carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Lisa McClain moved to approve Section III(C), Adoptions as Prevention Mechanism. Second by Larry Tucker; Motion Carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

**b. Review And Approve Draft Implementation Plan For Recommendation To City Council**

- Larry Tucker moved to approve Section IV, paragraphs A-E, Additional Policy Changes & Partnership Opportunities as amended. Second by Lisa McClain, with a friendly amendment by McClain to break out Terminology into a separate roman numeral V; accepted by the Maker. Motion Carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

- Larry Tucker moved to approve the Plan to Implement Policies and Programs to Reduce Intake and Increase Live Outcomes as amended, including Appendices 1-6 and the addition of Appendix 7. Second by Babette Ellis, with a friendly amendment by Lisa McClain to authorize Chairman Larry Tucker to add the pie chart graphic of funding for a current snapshot of fiscal year 2010 budget including the donations spending plan and the projected snapshot. Friendly Amendment accepted by the maker and second. .  
Motion Carried: 7 in favor. 0 opposed, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

## **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

None

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.