



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened in a Special meeting on Friday, February 26, 2010 at the Austin Energy Building, Assembly Room, 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff in Attendance:** David Lurie, Dorinda Pulliam, Melanie Miller, Bob Corona and Linda Terry

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

Brad Beam

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

None

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**Staff Presentation of Implementation Plan and Recommendations to City Council**

**Citizen's Communication:**

- Karen Harris
- Brad Beam
- Julia Dworschack

- Gretchen Meyer

Following general discussion by the Commission Members and a 5-minute recess, the following actions were taken using the document marked DRAFT and entitled Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes.

- Robert Graham moved to accept the AAC Recommendation for # 1 - Revise Mission of Animal Services. Second by Larry Tucker. Motion Carried: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-Ellis – Motion Passed.
- Babette Ellis moved to accept # 2 - Davenport Adoption Center as adjusted from the Follow-up Sheet presented. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain – Motion Passed.
- Babette Ellis moved to accept # 3 - Increased Make-Ready Capacity. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: 0 Yes 7 No 0 Abstain – Motion Failed.
- Babette Ellis moved to accept # 3 with changes. Second by Robert Graham Motion Carried: 0 Yes 7 No 0 Abstain – Motion Failed.
- Larry Tucker moved to accept # 3 - Increased Make-Ready Capacity with changes to read as follows:  
“Continue Make-Ready in-house sterilizations . . . approximately 2,000 surgery slots and would *continue* total capacity at 5,600 surgeries. . . . 1st bullet: *Continue* shelter ability. . . .. “  
Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain – Motion Passed
- Babette Ellis moved to adopt # 4 - Additional Veterinary Capacity for Injured Animals. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 4 Yes 2 No 1 Abstain-McClain Motion Passed.
- Babette Ellis moved. Second by Graham to adopt # 5 - Behaviorist Position using the same numbers as AAC Recommendation. Motion Carried 4 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain-McClain and Graham. Motion passed.
- Babette Ellis moved to adopt # 6 - Owner Relinquishment Policy adding a start date of October 2010. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain. Motion passed.
- Babette Ellis moved to adopt # 7 - Enhance Foster Care Program changing increase from 373 to 1,000. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain. Motion passed.
- David Lundstedt moved to adopt # 8 - Enhance Spay Street. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-Graham. Motion passed.

- David Lundstedt moved to adopt # **9** - Provide Sterilization at Rabies Clinics. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain, Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved to adopt # **10** Provide Sterilization for Owned Cats. Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain, Motion passed.
- Babette Ellis moved to adopt # **11** - Emergency Care Fund. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain, Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved to adopt # **12** - Feral Kitten Foster Program, including start date of October 2010. Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved to adopt # **13** - Public Awareness Campaign. Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed.
- David Lundstedt moved to adopt # **14** - Free Animal Sterilization Program. Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried: 5 Yes 1 No-Jefferson 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved to adopt # **15** Feral Cat Sterilization. Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed.
- Babette Ellis moved that No Vote be taken on # **16**--Affordable Vet Care and # **17**--PARVO because they were not included in the AAC Plan Recommendation. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain, Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved to reject # **18** - Pet Identification Ordinance. Ellen Jefferson second. Motion Carried: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain-Ellis and Graham, Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved to Accept # **19** - Provide Euthanasia List, with a friendly amendment, at least 2 hours prior to closing and preferably with 1 day deferral. Larry Tucker second. Motion Carried: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, motion passed.
- David Lundstedt moved to **accept** # **20** - Last Resort Adoptions with the removal of the following in the Synopsis paragraph: *completing the adoption application and becoming an approved adopter*. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed
- Babette Ellis moved to adopt # **21** - Pit-Bull Task Force. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried. 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed.
- Babette Ellis moved to adopt # **22** - Microchip Animals Not Relinquished. Ellen Jefferson second. Motion Carried: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed.
- Babette Ellis moved to adopt # **23** - Revamp the Animal Services Website. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed.

- Babette Ellis moved to accept # **24** - Utilize 311 to Provide Pet Rehoming Options. Robert Graham second. Motion Carried. 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain-McClain, Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved that Larry Tucker, or a designated group, be authorized to work with Dorinda Pulliam to finalize items # **25-33**. Ellen Jefferson second. Motion Carried: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain, Motion passed.
- Robert Graham moved that the item 1-4 rejected by the City be added into the recommendation plan with a friendly amendment by McClain, that if not added, a written explanation be provided. David Lundstedt second. Motion Carried: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Abstain-- Ellis, Jefferson, Neuhaus – Motion passed.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No action taken

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Larry Tucker declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.