



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2011**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 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, Palmer Neuhaus and Emily Phillips

Board Members Absent: Ellen Jefferson

Staff in Attendance: Filip Gecic, Kymberley Maddox, Joan Hamilton-Huber, Leela Fireside, Candy Parham, Chris Robles, Holli Odom, Amber Rowland and Gricelda Diaz

Meeting Called to Order at 6:10 pm

1. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Pat Valls-Trelles

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. AAC Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2011

- David Lundstedt moved to approve the minutes for January 12, 2011. Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried: 5 yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained. Motion passed

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion of the Donations Fund's Reserve Funds

- Babette Ellis moved to create a Working Group to Study the Donation's Fund. Emily Phillips second. Motion Carried: 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action on The Bylaws

- Babette Ellis moved to adopt the New Animal Advisory Commission Bylaws set forth by Austin City Council and the 2011 Meeting Schedule. Emily Phillips second. Motion Carried: 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed

b. Discuss and Take Action On The Perceived Deer Overpopulation Issue

Citizen's Communication:

- Todd Phelps
- Larry Tucker moved to form a Working Group to evaluate the Perceived Deer Population and make recommendations to City Council. Palmer Neuhaus second. Motion Carried: 5 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed (Note: Lisa McClain walked out of room for a minute and missed this motion).

c. Discussion and Possible Action on Adjusting Language on Pet Trader Ordinance

Citizen's Communication:

- Marnie Reeder
- Julia Dworschack
- Michelle Adams
- Kelly Saveika

No Motions Made

d. Discuss and Take Action on Feral Cat Holding Time

Citizen's Communication:

- Brad Beam
- Larry Tucker moved to form a Working Group to address the Ordinance that refers to Animal Hold Time at the Shelter. David Lundstedt second. Babette Ellis made friendly amendment to address specifically the Feral Cat holding time. Friendly amendment accepted. Motion Carried: 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- Lisa McClain moved to moved item 6e on the agenda before 6a. Emily Phillips second. Motion Carried: 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed

e. Status Report on Implementation Plan to reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes.

Citizen's Communication:

- Brad Beam
- Larry Tucker moved to form 3 Working Groups (1) Pit Bull Working Group, (2) Public Awareness Working Group & (3) Rescue Working Groups. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed
- Emily Phillips moved to make the Working Groups into a standing Subcommittee. Babette second with a Friendly Amendment to add, "As defined by the March 2010 Resolution". Friendly Amendment was accepted. Motion Carried: 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed

a. Discussion of Dealing With after Hour's Intake

No Motions Made

b. Update on Volunteer Program Enhancements

Citizen's Communication:

- Kathy Selbrede
- Martin Selbrede

No Motions Made

c. Update on New Shelter Director

No Motions Made

d. Animal Services Center Briefing

No Motions Made

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Lisa McClain moved to add Possible Discussion and Action on request to City Council for Committees from the Implementation Plan. Babette Ellis second. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained - Motion passed.
- Palmer Neuhaus moved to include items 4B – Discuss & Take Action on the Perceived Deer Overpopulation Issue and 4D – Discuss and Take Action on Feral Cat Holding Time on Old Business. Emily Phillips second. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

- Larry Tucker moved to carry over to next month's Agenda items 6B – Update on Volunteer Program Enhancement and 6E – Status Report on Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes. David Lundstedt second. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained - Motion passed.
- Palmer Neuhaus moved add item 3A – Discussion of the Donations Fund's Reserve Funds on Old Business. Larry Tucker second. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained - Motion passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.