



## **ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
March 9, 2011**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 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, Ellen Jefferson and Emily Phillips

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff in Attendance:** Filip Gecic, Kymberley Maddox, Joan Hamilton-Huber, Joanna Johnson and Gricelda Diaz

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:16 pm**

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

None

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

#### **a. AAC Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2011**

- Babette Ellis moved to approve the minutes for February 9, 2011. Palmer Neuhaus second. Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained. Motion passed (Note: Larry Tucker & David Lundstedt arrived later and did not vote on this motion).

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Update, Discussion of Workgroups**

- Pit Bull
  - No Motions Made
- Public Awareness
  - No Motions Made
- Rescue
  - No Motions Made
- Donation's Funds
  - No Motions Made

- Perceived Deer Overpopulation
  - No Motions Made
- Animal Hold Time Ordinance
  - No Motions Made

**b. Discussion of the Donations Fund's Reserve Funds**

- Palmer Neuhaus moved to reallocate the remaining balance of the Spay/Neuter at the Rabies Clinics in the amount of \$5,549.75 to the Foster Care Program. Babette Ellis second. Motion Carried: Motion Carried: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Larry Tucker moved to move Item 6A in the agenda to after 3B. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: Motion Carried: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**a. Update on Volunteer Program Enhancements**

Citizen's Communication:

- Martin Selbrede
- Robert Karli
- Brad Beam

No Motions Made

**3. OLD BUSINESS - continued**

**c. Discuss and Take Action on The Perceived Deer Overpopulation Issue**

Citizen's Communication:

- Jeff Mundy

No Motions Made

**d. Discuss and Take Action on Feral Cat Holding Time**

- David Lundstedt moved to table item 3D. Emily Phillips second. Motion Carried: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Possible Discussion and Action On Request to City Council for Committees from the Implementation Plan.**

Citizen's Communication:

- Marnie Reeder
- Gina Hush
  
- Emily Phillips moved to form a Rescue Working Group with the sole purpose of finding a contract to present to the other Rescue Working Group. Larry Tucker second. Motion Carried: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed

**b. Discuss and Take Action On A Recommendation To Council for Passage of a Resolution Supporting House Bill 1451, The Large Scale Commercial Breeder Bill**

Citizen's Communication:

- Nicole Paquette
- Monica Hardy
- Marnie Reeder
- Debbie Gandu
  
- David Lundstedt moved to recommend to council to support passage of a resolution supporting House Bill 1451, The Large Scale Commercial breeder Bill. Emily Phillips second. No Vote, Motion withdrawn.

Note: David Lundstedt left meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

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

Citizen's Communication:

- Brad Beam

No Motions Made

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Lisa McClain moved to add items 3b – Discussion of the Donations Fund's Reserve Funds and item 3c – Discuss and Take Action on the Perceived Deer Overpopulation

Issue to next month's agenda. Babette Ellis second. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained - Motion passed.

- Larry Tucker moved for the Commission to draft & vote on a letter thanking Filip Gecic for his service and a job well done to forward to City Council. Lisa McClain second. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained - Motion passed.
- Babette Ellis moved for the Commission to draft & vote on a separate appreciation letter to Joan Hamilton-Huber for her service and a job well done to forward to City Council. Palmer Neuhaus second. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained - Motion passed.
- Lisa McClain moved to add on the agenda - Discuss and possible action on both appreciation letters. Larry Tucker second. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained - Motion passed.
- Larry Tucker moved to moved forward Agenda Item 4b to next month's agenda. No second, no vote. – motion & vote made earlier.
- Babette Ellis moved that a line item that discuss Pit-bull, Public Awareness and Rescue Workgroups to Discuss and Take Action. Motion carried: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained - Motion passed.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.