



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2012**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Austin Animal Center, 7201 Levander Loop Conference Room in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: David Lundstedt, Palmer Neuhaus, Lisa McClain, Babette Ellis, Ellen Jefferson, Emily Phillips and Larry Tucker

Board Members Absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Ian Hallett and Gricelda Diaz

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 p.m.

1. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. AAC Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2011

- Babette Ellis moved to approve the minutes for December 14, 2011. Larry Tucker second. Motion Carried: 6 yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained. Motion passed

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Workgroup Items.

- Rescue
 - No Motions Made

Citizens Communication:

- Julia Dworschack
- Marnie Reeder
- Brad Beam

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Evaluate And Take Action On Prohibiting The Display Of Wild & Exotic Animals For Public Entertainment Or Amusement

Citizens Communication:

- Karen Harris
- Pat Valls-Trelles

- Larry Tucker moved to ask City legal to look at the Proposed Ordinance banning traveling Circuses. Emily Phillips second. Motion carried: 0 Yes, 7 No, 0 Abstained. Motion died.
- Babette Ellis moved to contact the State of Texas Criminal Division on what their stand is legally on this particular statue. David Lundstedt second. Motion carried: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Lisa moved that we request City Legal to give a legal opinion on whether the City has the authority to ban
 - Traveling Zoos, traveling Circuses and similar activities;
 - Particular types of animals and exotic animals from performing in these types of events;
 - Particular types of instruments capable of causing pain, including but not limited to, bull hooks, electric prods, etc;
 - Traveling Zoos, Circuses and similar activities that have any history of violating animal welfare, laws and regulations

Larry Tucker second.

David Lundstedt made a friendly amendment to allow Chair and Vice Chair to dash out exact wording before sending it to Legal. Friendly amendment was accepted. Motion carried: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

b. Discussion And Possible Action On The Possibility Of Euthanasia For Space

Citizens Communication:

- Karen Harris
- Pat Valls-Trelles
- Julia Dworschack

- No Motions Made

c. Discuss And Possible Action On The City's Cross-Promotion Through All Media Of The Adoption Center (Former TLAC Building) And Other Austin Pets Alive Adoption Efforts

- David Lundstedt moved to request Patricia Fraga, PIO, to attend the February meeting to give a Staff Briefing on Media. Larry Tucker second. Motion carried: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Update On The Perceived Deer Overpopulation Issue

- No Motions Made

b. Street And Highway Signs Leading To The New Austin Animal Center

- No Motions Made

c. Discussion And Possible Action On Emergency Preparedness And Displacement Of Homeless Animals

- No Motions Made

d. Guidelines For Transfers To Rescue Groups And Shelters

- No Motions Made

Citizens Communication:

- Marnie Reeder
- Julia Dworschack

e. Discuss The Change In Outcome/Intake Since Moratorium Report

- No Motions Made

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

- No Motions Made

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Larry moved to carry over, In Old Business :
 - Agenda Item 3A – Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Rescue Workgroup,
 - Agenda Item 4A – Evaluate And Take Action On Prohibiting The Display Of Wild & Exotic Animals For Public Entertainment Or Amusement

- Agenda Item 4B – Discussion And Possible Action On The Possibility Of Euthanasia For Space
Ellen Jefferson second. Motion carried: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.
- Under Staff Briefing - keep all items and add “Update on Media”, per earlier motion.
- David Lundstedt moved to add “Review And Take Action On Year Audit From City Clerks”. Lisa McClain second. Motion Carried: 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained. Motion passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.