



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2015
APPROVED 4/8/2015**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a Regular Meeting Wednesday March 11, 2015 at the Austin Animal Center 7201 Levander Loop Multi-Purpose Room in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Tucker, Robert Shaw, Babette Ellis, Meghan Wells, Babette Ellis, David Lundstedt

Board Members Absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Joan Hamilton Huber, Aaron Caldwell II

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:13 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. AAC Regular Meetings held on:

February 11, 2015 Motion to approve the February 2015 meeting minutes by Meghan Wells, second by Rita Geigel. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Update on the Lamar Beach Master Plan from PARD

b. Director's Update

No action or citizen communication

David Lundstedt moved to take agenda items in the following order: **#1 4f #2 5b #3 4b**
Larry Tucker second. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS

f. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on recommendations to Council regarding public input and process in the City Manager's selection of the Chief Animal Services Officer and the interim period before a new Chief Animal Services Officer is selected.

No action or citizen communication

5b. Discussion and possible recommendation of the City of Austin response to legislation that will affect shelters and Austin's No-Kill efforts

Citizen communication: Ryan Clinton

Larry Tucker moved the Animal Advisory Commission draft a letter to City Council recommending the city oppose HB 1274 and support HB 859, David Lundstedt seconded. Motion failed.

Voting yes: Members Tucker, Lundstedt and Shaw

Voting no: Members Wells, Ellis and Geigel

Babette Ellis moved to hold a special called meeting on Wednesday, March 18 to discuss and take possible action on HB 1274 and HB 859, Megan Wells seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Volunteer Workgroup

Citizen Communication:

Mike Kaviani

Will McKinney

Ron Dischert

Alicia Benoit

Marnie Reeder

Rita Geigel moved the Animal Advisory Commission express support for recommendation items 1-4 of the February 24, 2015 Dog Walking Workgroup meeting report. No second offered, motion failed.

Larry Tucker moved to add the item for discussion and possible action at the March 18, 2015 Special Called Meeting, David Lundstedt seconded. Motion passed.

Voting yes: Members Tucker, Lundstedt, Shaw, Wells

Voting no: Member Geigel

Abstain: Member Ellis

4a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Transportation Workgroup

Babette Ellis moved to dissolve the workgroup, Larry Tucker seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the future make-up of the Animal Advisory Commission

Babette Ellis moved to pull the item from future agendas, Larry Tucker seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

d. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on compliance with Chapter 823 Health & Safety Code

No action or citizen communication

e. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Rental Housing and Breed Restrictions Workgroup

No action or citizen communication

g. Update, Discussion and Possible Action of the No Kill Implementation Plan

No action or citizen communication

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve 2014 Animal Advisory Commission Annual Internal Review

Larry Tucker moved to approve the 2014 Annual Internal Review as submitted, Babette Ellis seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Wildlife Workgroup
No citizen communication or action

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:00pm