



Animal Advisory Commission Minutes

Thursday, August 9, 2018

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes - June 28, 2018

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the June 28th minutes. Commissioner DeVoss seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 101 Commission Course

- Kanesia Williams, Assistant City Attorney, gave highlights of laws that affect animals in the state of Texas.
- She covered state laws 8-21 (treatment of animals), 8-22 (dogs that attack or that are dangerous to persons), 8-23 (animal shelters) and 8-29 (animal control officers and their necessary training).
- Ms. Williams also mentioned chapter 2 of the city code that references the creation of the Animal Advisory Commission.
- City code states "the commission shall act as an advisory body to the City Manager and City Council to assist in complying with the requirements of state law and city ordinances pertaining to the operation of the animal shelter".

4. DAS Management Report

Ed Jamison, Director, made new staff introductions and also announced the 2019 Best Friends National Conference will be held in Dallas. He also provided FY17-18 updates so far as it relates to public safety, quality of animal treatment and stakeholders.

- EAC Update
 - This year was the first fiscal year PetSmart was taking pocket pets. 400 plus more cats and pocket pets were adopted out of PetSmart Charities this year compared to last year. Dogs were about even as the year before.
- DAS FY19 Budget Proposal
 - FY18 expenses are under budget; revenue dropped significantly due to association with the registration program.
 - Every FTE position is filled.
 - In FY19, DAS is looking to transfer the Lane Staffing individuals to permanent employees.
 - Commissioner Rodriguez's ideas for the budget are building renovations, dog bathing and grooming, surplus of clinic supplies, organizational tools, employee recognition and refresher course for those who handle kennels.
- Tick Infestation
 - A dog brought in from a family bite was quarantined. By law, under Rule 69.27, the animal could not be treated.
 - Going forward, DAS will spend an additional \$50K for every animal coming into the shelter to receive a tick preventative.
- Fall Code Changes
 - Once the ordinance changes are uploaded to the website everyone will get a copy or a link to the copy.
 - Ordinance changes that will be reviewed this fall are removing all mention of licensing, reporting of animal bites, adoption fees, confinement of livestock and prohibited animals.

5. Animal Cruelty Process

- Currently, there is no category for animal cruelty under DAS, so if an Animal Care Officer (ACO) feels there is cruelty they call DPD. If DPD concurs, they write an offense report and that is what is needed to move the case forward criminally. It is at this point when the SPCA joins in.
- Per state law, all ACOs go through basic training and then must obtain 30 CE hours every 3 years.
- The *3 Strikes, You're Out* Ordinance is currently the only ordinance in place for a person to not receive an animal back.
- Civil cruelty cases are only to determine ownership of the animal.
- Commissioner Timko suggested having a dedicated number to report animal cruelty and a way for callers to be anonymous.

6. Public Comment

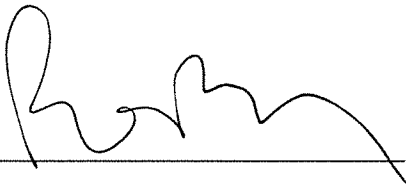
- Lauren Babis (Just Save the Dog) brought up the concern of animal cruelty in the city. She requests a working session meeting with DPD, 911, 311, SPCA, DAS field operations, City Marshal's Office, Sheriff's Office, Just Save the Dog and Animal Advisory Commission.

During the meeting Chair Brodsky discussed rescheduling the September 20th & November 8th meeting to October 18th due the Ed Jamison, Director, and Ryan Rogers, Assistant Director, attending conferences.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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Peter Brodsky, Chair

Animal Advisory Commission

**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES ATTENDANCE SHEET
DALLAS CITY HALL, 6ES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

Attendance Sheet

Commissioners Present

Peter Brodsky, Chair
Kevin Gibbs, District 1
Molly Devoss, District 2
Karen Kennedy, District 3
Justina Walford, District 4
Pat Rodriguez, District 6
Stephanie Timko, District 7
Eliza Steward, District 8
Stephen Edison, District 11
Diane Bishop, District 12
Charlotte New, District 13

Commissioners Absent

Sandra Luhring, District 5
VACANT, District 9
Ryan McComber, District 10
Teresa Gubbins, District 14

Staff Present

Ed Jamison
Ryan Rogers
Jordan Craig
Ann Barnes
Ernest Lampkin
Michael Burk
Bianca Johnson
Kanesia Williams
Nadia Chandler-Hardy
Zena Palmer