

City of San Antonio



AGENDA

Animal Care Services Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

6:30 PM

Telephone Conference and
Livestream

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Call to Order - 6:30 p.m.

Director's Report

Consent Agenda

Items 1-2 listed below may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of these items is necessary unless desired by any member of the ACS Board.

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2020.
2. Review of ACS Report on Year-to-Date Contracts Performance.

Items for Individual Consideration

3. Review for consideration proposed revisions to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board Position Statements.
4. Election of Animal Care Services Advisory Board Officers.

Public Comment

Determination of Next Meeting Date

Adjournment

At any time during the meeting, the Animal Care Services Board may meet in executive session for consultation with the City Attorney's Office concerning attorney-client matters under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code

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Animal Care Advisory Board Members:

Amin Tohmaz, Mayor's Appointee | Cynthia Cox, Dist. 1 Appointee | Martha Banda, Dist. 2 Appointee | George Garcia, Dist. 3 Appointee | Rita Braeutigam, Chair, Dist. 4 Appointee | Karen Speer, Board Secretary, Dist. 5 Appointee | Kathleen Davis, Dist. 6 Appointee | Valerie Moore, Dist. 7 Appointee | Katie Jarl, Dist. 8 Appointee | Susan Beldon, Vice Chair, Dist. 9 Appointee | Sallie Scott, Dist. 10 Appointee



ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Livestream Videoconference

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Board Chair Braeutigam called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL.

Present: Michael Shannon (Mayoral), Cynthia Cox (District 1), Rita Braeutigam - Chair (District 4), Karen Speer - Secretary (District 5), Valerie Moore (District 7), Katie Jarl (District 8), Susan Beldon - Vice-Chair (District 9), Sallie Scott (District 10)
Ex-Officio Member: Heber Lefgren, David McCary,

Absent: Martha Banda (District 2), George Garcia (District 3), Kathy Davis (District 6)
Ex-Officio Member: Dr. Marilyn Gotbeter

III. CHAIR'S STATEMENT.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Assistant to the Director Chase Fosse provided information on the meeting format.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

None.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA.

Items included:

- a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May 27, 2020
- b. Approval of ACS Advisory Board FY 2020 Third Quarter Report
- c. Review of ACS Report on Year-to-Date Contracts' Performance

Motion: Shannon motioned to approve the consent agenda.
Moore seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Shannon, Cox, Braeutigam, Speer, Moore, Jarl, Beldon, Scott
Nays: None
Absent: Banda, Garcia, Davis

Action: **MOTION PASSED with 8 AYES, AND 0 NAYS. 3 ABSENT.**

VII. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION.

Item 1. Briefing on the ACS FY 2021 Proposed Budget

ACS Director Heber Lefgren presented the ACS FY 2021 Proposed Budget and discussed budget challenges faced as a result of COVID-19.

Board members Banda, Garcia, and Dr. Gotbeter join the meeting.

No action taken.

Item 2. Briefing on the ACS Continued Response to COVID-19.

Assistant to the Director Chase Fosse presented an update on the ACS response to COVID-19, discussed operational changes to be made permanent moving forward, and provided performance statistics related to the impact of COVID-19.

No action taken.

Item 3. Update on the K9s For Warriors San Antonio Expansion.

Chief Operations Officer Cynthia Martinez presented an update on the City's partnership with K9s For Warriors. She discussed the lease agreement, the groundbreaking event on the expansion, and the impact of COVID-19 on activities related to the partnership.

No action taken.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Assistant to the Director Chase Fosse read public comments submitted by:

- a. John Bachman.

IX. DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.

Chair Braeutigam stated that ACS Advisory Board officer elections must be held before the new City fiscal year and suggested the date of Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Motion: Garcia moved to approve the next meeting date for September 30, 2020.
Cox seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Shannon, Cox, Banda, Garcia, Braeutigam,
Speer, Moore, Jarl, Beldon, Scott
Nays: None
Absent: Davis

Action: **MOTION PASSED with 10 AYES, AND 0 NAYS. 1 ABSENT.**

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Braeutigam called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Moore moved to adjourn the meeting.
Cox seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Shannon, Cox, Banda, Garcia, Braeutigam,
Speer, Moore, Jarl, Beldon, Scott
Nays: None
Absent: Davis

Action: **MOTION PASSED with 10 AYES, AND 0 NAYS. 1 ABSENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

APPROVED

Rita Braeutigam, Chair
Animal Care Services Advisory Board
City of San Antonio

FY 2020 ACS Contract Plan Performance
Through August 2020

Paul Jolly Center Contract (November 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020)

		November 2019	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	Total
ADL - Paul Jolly Center	Plan	393	68	0	0	0	0	257	257	257	257	257	254	2,000
	Actual	393	68	0	0	0	140	350	338	229	297			1,815

ADL Kennel Contract (June 10, 2020 - June 9, 2021)

		June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	Total
ADL - Kennels	Plan	2	0	0	385	414	397	335	349	375	339	351	237	3,184
	Actual ²	2	0	0										2

HVPP Contracts (October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020)

		October 2019	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	Total
AWSBC	Plan	13	7	9	10	7	11	15	10	16	8	3	16	125
	Actual	3	0	1	3	8	12	1	12	1	8	0		49
CARE	Plan	24	23	23	32	26	27	19	36	33	21	32	19	315
	Actual	27	15	14	19	39	17	1	1	0	10	2		145
God's Dogs	Plan	25	29	16	30	27	22	40	48	31	31	32	25	355
	Actual	24	29	17	6	17	48	24	39	34	25	10		273
Missy's Haven	Plan	36	20	20	24	32	25	25	26	41	21	35	18	325
	Actual	46	9	18	17	44	13	10	14	11	2	3		187
SA Humane	Plan	70	61	38	48	63	55	47	72	59	70	61	37	680
	Actual	52	11	1	66	40	14	0	0	0	4	0		188
SAPA!	Plan	388	322	291	312	284	412	449	483	396	377	392	364	4,470
	Actual	401	374	372	381	296	430	429	377	350	316	402		4,128
SNIPSA	Plan	9	18	20	14	30	27	21	34	33	27	36	30	300
	Actual	18	32	30	4	3	36	13	3	23	26	24		212
Texas Chihuahua	Plan	16	11	15	18	14	14	17	12	14	10	9	13	160
	Actual	3	3	12	3	11	15	8	10	1	15	10		91

FY 2020 ACS Contract Plan Performance

Through August 2020

SPAY/NEUTER PARTNERS (October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020)

		October 2019	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	Total
ADL	Plan	98	76	82	128	111	87	111	146	165	194	170	137	1,505
	Actual	76	26	0	28	18	21	0	0	0	0	0		169
Pet Spots	Plan	318	352	395	391	299	335	310	341	314	264	281	302	3,900
	Actual	401	357	300	422	353	343	470	449	438	387	45		3,965
SA Humane	Plan	44	419	454	481	501	504	431	436	515	575	254	235	4,850
	Actual	41	654	611	745	666	274	12	301	354	397	289		4,344
SNIPSA	Plan	348	235	54	377	85	60	60	515	152	62	120	131	2,200
	Actual	594	48	39	22	482	33	45	41	49	58	62		1,473

Pet Shotz Brackenridge Clinic (November 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020)

		Q1 Oct-Dec 2019	Q2 Jan-Mar 2020	Q3 Apr-Jun 2020	Q4 Jul-Sep 2020	Total
Pet Shotz Brack	Plan	1,380	2,397	2,223	2,000	8,000
	Actual	1,282	1,269	1,087		3,638

SA Humane Brooks Clinic (March 6 2020 - March 5 2021)

		Q1 Mar-May 2020	Q2 Jun-Aug 2020	Q3 Sept-Nov 2020	Q4 Dec 2020- Feb 2021	Total
SA Humane Brooks	Plan	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	8,000
	Actual	1,179	609			1,788

1 Q2 Actual includes only June; pending July and August

Overview of Position Statements

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board presents these position statements as our vision for San Antonio Animal Care Services.

The Board is concerned with welfare issues facing animals. The Board's Position Statements are based on the belief that animals have the capacity to suffer and feel pain and inherently deserve our respect, compassion, advocacy, and humane treatment. We believe that:

- Animals should have adequate nutritious food appropriate to their species and access to fresh water to maintain health.
- Animals should be accorded freedom to express normal behavior with sufficient space and appropriate companionship.
- Animals should live free of fear and distress.
- Animals should have adequate shade. (A carrier or kennel is not deemed adequate to provide shade.)
- Animals should have clean living environments.

Animal Care Services Advisory Board

Position Statements

passed ,2020

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports the following position Statements to make the San Antonio area a safe place for people and animals to live.

1. Spay/Neuter

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board strongly supports that all dogs and cats be spayed or neutered, including early age sterilization, except those who are part of a licensed breeder's breeding program or where surgical sterilization is contraindicated for medical reasons.

2. Stray Animals

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports the picking up of stray animals with the exception of community cats.

3. Cruelty to Animals

Research has established that there are strong links between violent behaviors toward humans and violent behaviors toward animals. Abusive behavior toward animals may be an indicator of other forms of violence within the family setting.

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board encourages staff and other agencies not within the board's purview to have interagency cross-training and referral programs.

4. Standards of Care

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports registration of agencies/ rescue groups which implement humane care of the animals equal to or greater than Animal Care Services' protocols including veterinary care, sterilization before adoption and non-discriminatory adoption policies.

5. Professional Development Training

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports the Animal Care Services Department's ongoing state/national training in professional development.

6. Ban of Specific Breeds

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports the opposition to laws that ban specific breeds of dogs or that discriminate against particular breeds and the housing restrictions placed on these breeds.

7. Dangerous Dogs

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports holding dog owners responsible for unjustified harm or damage done by their pets. Dangerous dog laws should focus on the behavior of individual dogs and all of the circumstances surrounding an event.

8. Enforcement

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports compassionate enforcement of current animal ordinances.

9. Shelter Data

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports the transparent, consistent and accurate data reporting by Animal Care Services.

10. Euthanasia

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports euthanasia by injection. Euthanasia should be performed by state-certified staff. Performed properly, euthanasia by injection is the most humane, safest, fastest and least stressful to the animal and is safe for shelter personnel.

11. Community Cats

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports Trap/Neuter/Return and local policy of non-lethal population control and coalition based approaches.

12. Sale of Pets

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board opposes the sale of dogs and cats through pet stores, roadside sales, the internet, flea markets, and other commercial operations.

13. Disasters

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports a comprehensive disaster plan for natural and manmade disasters that place animals in jeopardy. Further the Board supports cooperation between government agencies, city, state, and federal and other animal welfare agencies to save the lives of animals affected by such disasters.

14. Wildlife

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports harmonious co-existence with native wildlife and all healthy wildlife be left alone. The Board further supports that injured wildlife get advocate assistance from verified rehabbers. We further support personal ownership of wildlife be in accordance with state and local laws.

15. Declawing Cats

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board opposes declawing cats since scratching is a natural behavior and declawing has postoperative pain with no benefit to cats. For cats that spend time outside, they need their claws for survival.

16. Transport

The Animal Care Services Advisory Board supports responsible animal transport (that adheres to federal and interstate regulations) to places where there are fewer adoptable animals in order to save lives.