



City of Corpus Christi

1201 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
cctexas.com

Meeting Minutes

Animal Care Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

12:30 PM Animal Care Facility Conference Room, 2626 Holly Rd.

The City of Corpus Christi promotes participation regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or political belief. Reasonable accommodation is provided upon request and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact (361) 826-3300 at least 48 hours in advance. Upon request, this information can be available in larger print and/or in electronic format.

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Jackie McCollough at 12:34pm

B. Roll Call

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1.

Adoption of Minutes - Regular meeting February 12, 2025

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes11-Apr-2025-10-23-48](#)

Cardenas motioned to approve. Dominguez seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

2.

Approval of Absences from February 12, 2025

None

E. Committee Reports

F. Staff Reports

3.

Region 11 Zoonosis Report

Attachments: [PHR11 ZC Mar 2025](#)

4.

Monthly Shelter and Clinic Report

Director Kathleen Chapa presented the board with the new format for the Animal Activity Report of April 2025.

Dominguez suggested revisiting a discussion from the previous October regarding the use of three-month comparisons to identify trends in animal welfare. Assistant Director Cynthia Martinez recommended using Year-over-Year comparisons instead of three consecutive months to better understand trends. McCollough also proposed reviewing the previous three months in relation to the same three-month period from the previous year on a quarterly basis. At the end of the fiscal year, ACS will compile statistics and compare them to those from previous fiscal years. ACS is working with Citygate to establish the best practices for creating municipal animal care reports. Martinez also suggested moving the Zoonosis Newsletter to be reviewed on a quarterly basis rather than monthly. The Advisory committee agreed.

Dominguez had questions about the violation summary report, specifically regarding section 6-151(7), which pertains to the sale of animals in public locations. He pointed out that he had called multiple times about this issue but found only one citation recorded in the report. Martinez explained that a citation can only be issued if the offense occurs while they are present on-site. She also mentioned that the mayor has issued an initiative to have ACS partnered with the Corpus Christi Police Department to have plainclothes officers and unmarked vehicles assist in citing violators. Director Kathleen Chapa advised the public not to intervene directly and to call 3-1-1 to make a report.

Dominguez raised the question of whether public safety animals were beyond help. Most public safety animals are either bite dogs or surrendered by their owners, usually as a last resort. Owners are aware that if aggression is confirmed, the dog may be euthanized. McCollough expressed her concerns about the high number of behavioral euthanasia's and the lack of transparency in showcasing these animals to rescue partners. After discussion between the Advisory Committee and ACS leadership, it was clarified that, as a municipal shelter, ACS cannot knowingly place dangerous animals back into the community.

G. Unfinished Business

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

5.

Animal Care Services Staffing Update

Assistant City Manager Sony Peronel informed the board that Chapa has chosen to take

a voluntary demotion from her position as Director of ACS. She will continue in her role until a replacement is found. The city has hired a recruitment firm, Affion Public Recruitment, which has assisted numerous municipalities across the nation in finding high priority leadership. Additionally, the veterinarian position is also being filled by the same recruitment company. In the meantime, to avoid disruption of services, ACS is working to contract a veterinarian.

6.**ASPCA Grant Kennel Improvements Update**

Chapa stated that the first phase of the kennel partitions is complete, and the second phase is expected to be finished by the second week of May. ACS is waiting to receive components for the A/C replacement for the cat and receiving building in May. Construction is going as planned.

7.**New Proposed Advisory Board Report Format**

Chapa introduced the new proposed Monthly Shelter Report format to the Animal Care Advisory Committee. They all agreed the visual format looked good. McCollough suggested a pie chart for the intakes be added to the report.

I. Future Agenda Items

Updates on statistics, trend or outcomes on the disposition of animal cruelty cases

Public Service Announcements for Animal Care

Updates on House Bill relating to Animal Care Services

Outbreak of Distemper in the community

Updates on subjective information about Animal Care Services

8.

Next Scheduled Advisory Board: May 21, 2025

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 1:39pm.