

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eric Trager called the meeting to order at 6pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Eric Trager present, Elizabeth Gooden present, Robert Blythin present, Dr. Ana Robinson present, Sarah Hammond present, Bryan Ruiz present. Adrianna McDonald was not present

3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

No citizens spoke

This is a time for attendees to speak on general items of their personal concern that are NOT

on this agenda. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act the Board cannot answer questions

or discuss items brought up during Citizens' Communications. Comments regarding agenda

items should be brought up when those items are considered by the Board.

4. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) Presentation and discussion regarding amending the city's ordinance for dangerous dogs.

Animal Welfare Officer Joshua Jimenez gave a presentation on Dangerous Dogs stating the current city code does not meet the current state code. Cases of dangerous dogs have become more frequent and have occurred in this area as well.

The Presentation went over 4 levels of aggressive dogs and what each level of bite would look like. Board members asked clarifying questions. Senior Animal Welfare Office Allison Scheffel-Pratt stated that the aggressive levels would be a type of nuisance level to give the dogs so they can be watched for the nuisance behavior. It would be an option rather than deeming a dog dangerous right away.

Neighborhood Services Manager Bryan Ruiz stated the new verbiage

with the aggressive option would give the animal another chance and be able to remove the aggressive nuisance. Once deemed dangerous they are dangerous for life. Nuisance levels would put them on our radar for close monitoring to prevent from becoming a dangerous dog.

The board stated they needed more information and better defined terms.

B) Presentation and consideration of a recommendation regarding amending the home quarantine procedures.

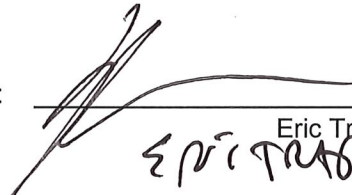
Currently the victim makes the decision if dog can do home quarantine. The new change would allow Animal Welfare Officers to make that determination based on other factors and the victim would no longer make the decision. This will take the emotion out of the decision by the victim. More home quarantine options would relieve financial pressure on owners and physical space for vets/HSNBA.

Eric Trager, Sarah Hammond, Dr. Ana Robinson, Elizabeth Gooden and Robert Blythin all voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Eric Trager adjourned at 6:45pm

By:


Eric Trager Chair

Attest:


Board Liaison, Samantha Calder