

**MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
OF April 28, 2021**

The Animal Services Advisory Board of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, convened in a Regular Session on April 28, 2021 at 6:02 p.m., via zoom.

Board Members present were: Dr. Eric Trager, Bryan V. Ruiz, Sarah Hammond, Shawn Heimann, Tanya Palmer & John Velazquez.

City Staff present: Allison Scheffel and Christopher Looney

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Eric Trager at 6:02 p.m., verifying the presence of a quorum.

1. MINUTES

Chairman Dr. Eric Trager introduced the minutes of the January 27, 2021 regular session meeting for consideration of approval.

- a) Sarah Hammond motioned to approve the minutes,
- b) Dr. Eric Trager made a motion to second the approval of the minutes,
- c) Minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen's communications were offered.

- a) Citizen, William Rodgers at 16 La Mesa Drive, spoke on the positivity of the hybrid model of meetings which encourages citizens to zoom in on the meetings.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Bryan Ruiz read the agenda caption; **"Discuss and consider resuming in-person/virtual hybrid Animal Services Advisory Board meetings."**

Mr. Ruiz commented the city has had much success with all of our boards and commissions meeting via Zoom, but we know that some boards are wanting to get back to in-person meetings.

So, we are providing the option to all boards and commissions to decide for themselves.

If you vote to go back to in-person, we'll be sure to socially distance you all while in the meeting, and we will retain the Zoom option for citizens who wish to speak at the meeting.

Zoom also provides additional government transparency as it allows for citizens who may not be able to physically attend, have less time in the evenings to attend an in person government meeting, or are concerned for their health but still want to participate.

If you decide too, we can also continue the virtual Zoom meetings.

So far: City Council, the Parks Board, 4B board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Historic Landmark Commission have decided to come back to in-person meetings.

The Planning Commission voted to keep doing virtual a little longer to see if there was a post Spring Break spike, and they are going to discuss it again at their meeting next week.

Sarah Hammond asked the definition of Hybrid vs in-person. Discussion followed.

- a) Sarah Hammond made a motion to hold board meetings via hybrid zoom for approval,
- b) Shawn Heimann made a motion to second the approval,
- c) Discussion followed with unanimous approval by all members of the board.
Motion passed.

4. Adjournment:

- a) Dr. Trager adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Date Approved: April 28, 2021

By:

Attest: