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**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Agenda**

February 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teleconference Phone Number: 1 (915) 213-4096
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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

The Texas Governor temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee will be conducted on February 10, 2021 at 6:00pm.

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee during public comment, and regarding agenda items by calling the following number: 1 (915) 213-4096

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The public is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak on items on this agenda no later than one day prior to the meeting date by emailing their name, the phone number they will be calling from, and the topic they will speak on to Maribel Karisch at karischmx@elpasotexas.gov or by calling (915) 212-8707.

The following members of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee will be present via video conference:

Alexandra Anello, Barbara Candelaria, Sandra DiFrancesco, Elvira Stephanie Frias, Mary Kay Rosenkranz, Julie Rutledge, Celeste Varela, Regina Wagner. Gina Gagen and Karen Polanco

A quorum of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee must participate in the meeting.

1. Call to Order - Establish Quorum
2. Discussion and action on approval of minutes for December 9, 2020 and January 14, 2021.

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3. Reports - Support the City of El Paso's Initiative to Reach and Sustain a 90% or Greater Live-Release Rate by 2020.
 - A. El Paso Animal Services January 2021 update and statistics – R. Herrera
 - B. El Paso County Animal Welfare Department January update- L. Combs
4. Call to the Public
5. Main Agenda
 - A. Promote Education and Engagement of Animal Health and Welfare
 - A1. Presentation on an overview of the 2021 Texas Legislative Session on Animal Bills- G. Gagen
 - B. Research and Advise on Effective Ordinances and Policies to Improve Overall Health, Welfare and Safety for Animals
 - B1 Discussion and action on change in ASAC by-laws related to Article V.6.f. regarding responsibility for annual written report- J. Rutledge
 - B2. Discussion and action on Election of officers, Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2021 calendar year -J. Rutledge
 - B3. Discussion and action on community involvement and responsibilities related to stray animals and means of getting them back to their owners. -J. Rutledge
 - B4. Discussion and action on draft of ASAC annual report to the Mayor and City Council. -J. Rutledge
6. Future Agenda Items
7. Adjournment - Next Meeting Scheduled March 10, 2021.

Language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request. Requests must be made to the Department of Animal Services at a minimum of 24 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting. Copies of this Notice/Agenda will be provided in Braille, large print or audiotape upon request. Requests must be made a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting.

Posted February 5, 2021 by Maribel Karisch

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