

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF  
ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE  
Meeting Minutes May 13, 2021**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Present:** Nina Irani; Jane Tobin; Michael Angelo Torres; Annemarie Fortier; Russell Tenofsky; Brian Van Horn, DVM; Shari O'Neill, DVM, SF ACC

**Absent:** Lisa Wayne, SF RPD; Joe Majeski, SFPD

**2. General Public Comment:**

- There were no comments provided by the public.

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes from April 2021 Meeting**

- Meeting minutes were approved.

**4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports**

- A. Commissioner Irani reported on outreach to the City's State Legislation Committee concerning Commission recommendations.
- B. Commissioner Torres provided an update on the reopening of City Hall, and Commission appointment hearings.
- C. Commissioner Van Horn provided an update concerning SB 1175 legislation outreach.

**5. New Business**

**A. The Benefit of Bats (Discussion Item)**

- Mary Jean "Corky" Quirk, Founder of NorCal Bats, presented on their organization's work helping bats, and the environmental impact of bats.
- Commissioners discussed the different species of bats in the City and bay area, the eating habits of bats, rabies and other diseases, and SF ACC policies involving bats.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.

**B. Recognition for Animal Allies (Discussion/Action Item)**

- Commissioner Fortier begin discussions on Commission guidelines and objectives for recognizing the work and achievements of animal allies in the community.
- Commissioners discussed the involvement of Board of Supervisors and other City Officials in the project, the process for nominations, and the frequency of recognitions.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.

**6. Old Business**

**A. Reporting from SF Animal Care and Control (Discussion Item)**

- SF ACC Chief Shelter Veterinarian O'Neill presented the SF ACC Quarterly Report covering the January – March 2021 period and reported on recent ACC Officer animal rescues.
- Commissioners discussed rabies testing, and Commissioner Tobin's adoption of Hayley (previously known as Banana Split) from SF ACC.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.

**B. Commission Governance (Discussion/Action Item)**

- Commissioner Torres presented on proposed changes to Health Code Section 41.1 concerning the Commission name change, current Seat 7 requirements, and compensation.
- Commissioners discussed reimbursement to Commissioners for out-of-pocket expenses, and possibly opening Seat 7 to animal behaviorists, veterinarian technicians or retired veterinarians in addition to a practicing veterinarians.
- Commissioners decided that Seat 7 should remain a seat for veterinarians, but also opening it up to veterinarians who reside, but may not practice, in San Francisco.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.
- Commissioners voted in favor of recommending the changes to the Health Code.

**7. Items to be put on Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**

- A. On-going SF ACC reporting (Old Business)
- B. Veterinary Street Outreach Services Presentation (New Business)
- C. Welcoming New Commissioners (New Business)
- D. Commissioner Irani announced that any agenda items for the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting should be submitted by Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The agenda, and any supporting documents, will be posted by Monday evening, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Adjournment** (approx. 7:39PM)