

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF
ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE
Meeting Minutes October 15, 2020**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Absent: Bunny Rosenberg; 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 September 2020 Meeting

- Meeting minutes were approved.

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports

- A. Commissioner Tobin discussed the lemur who was taken from the SF Zoo and will research further on if there will be any safety guideline changes.

5. Old Business

A. Preparing Companion Animals for Emergencies (Discussion Item)

- SF ACC Chief Shelter Veterinarian O'Neill provided a presentation entitled "Pet Disaster Preparedness and the Animal Emergency Response" which covered personal preparedness, as well as SF ACC and other community-based animal emergency response information.
- Commissioners discussed emergency shelter protocols as they involve companion animals, Vicious and Dangerous Dog hearings during long-period disaster and emergency situations, SF ACC operations under shelter-in-place, and additional animal emergency resources for emergency response community groups.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.
- Commissioners will draft a recommendation encouraging the City to allow most, and eventually all, of its shelters to be cohabitation shelters.

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

- SF ACC Chief Shelter Veterinarian O'Neill reported on current shelter operations under shelter-in-place, training for the new CHAMP (Caregivers Helping Animals Make Progress) program, the Community Cat program, department involvement within the community, and department accomplishments.
- Commissioners discussed the type of information that is currently available on the SF ACC website, and the Community Cat program.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.

C. Commission Governance (Discussion Item)

- Commissioner Irani provided an update on communications with SF DPH (Department of Public Health) requesting department representation. SF DPH responded that they do not have the resources to provide representation on the Commission at this time due to COVID-19. Commissioner Irani will follow-up with SF DPH at a later date; and will also reach out to the SF Health Commission and the SF Sunshine Task Force for assistance.
- Commissioner Irani discussed the possibility of working together with the City's State Legislation Committee, the Commission on the Environment, and other Commissions in the future.
- Commissioner Torres provided an update on the scheduling of our Commission appointment hearing.
- Commissioner Irani announced that Commissioner Rosenberg would not be reapplying for Seat 2, and thanked Commissioner Rosenberg for her years of service on the Commission.
- Commissioner Irani discussed the Commission officer elections to be held at the November meeting.

- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.

6. Items to be put on Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

- A. On-going SF ACC reporting (Old Business)
- B. Commission administrative issues (Commission Governance)
- C. Commissioner Irani announced that any agenda items for the November meeting should be sent to her by Friday, November 13th. The agenda, and any supporting documents, will be posted by Monday evening, November 16th.

7. Adjournment (approx. 7:06PM)