

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF
ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE
Meeting Minutes November 19, 2020**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Nina Irani; Russell Tenofsky; Michael Angelo Torres; Annemarie Fortier; John Skeel, 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 October 2020 Meeting

- Meeting minutes were approved with additions/corrections.

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports

- A. Commissioner Tobin provided an update on the Stanyan Street safe street site.

5. New Business

A. Conservation at the San Francisco Zoo (Discussion Item)

- Ingrid Russell, Director of Collections at the San Francisco Zoo, provided a presentation entitled "San Francisco Zoological Society's California Field Conservation Projects" detailing the Conservation staff's work with wildlife throughout the state.
- Commissioners discussed, and asked about, any additional conservation efforts within the City.
- 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 Deputy Director Skeel reported on current shelter operations; and presented the first of a series of quarterly reports covering the department's intake and outcome information for the July – September 2020 period.
- Commissioners discussed the number of animals that were euthanized during the reporting period, animal behavioral assessments during the shelter-in-place order/COVID-19, the policy involving bats, and plans for fostered animals who may be returned to SF ACC after shelter-in-place orders are lifted.
- Commissioners also discussed receiving more specific information concerning animals indicated as "other" on the report, which partner organizations that the SF ACC works with for assistance, and the timeline in which the Commission will receive future quarterly reports.
- Commissioners also requested the possibility of having a SF ACC staff member involved with behavioral assessment attend a future Commission meeting.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.

B. Commission Governance (Discussion/Action Item)

- Commissioner Irani discussed the Commission's 2020 Annual Report, and individual Commissioners will reach out and present the Report to members of the SF Board of Supervisors.
- Commissioner Tobin discussed a new recommendation and annual work plan format to implement for future Commission work.
- Commissioner Torres discussed changing the name of the Commission and looking into changing the Commission meeting dates from the third Thursday of the month to another date. Commissioners will continue the discussion at the January meeting.
- Election of Commission Officers were held. Commissioner Irani was nominated for Chair; Commissioner Tobin was nominated for Vice Chair; and Commissioner Torres was nominated for Secretary. Commissioners voted in favor of the nominations.