

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF
ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE
Meeting Minutes August 20, 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; Officer Joe Majeski, SFPD

2. General Public Comment:

- Three members of the public commented on SF ACC and SF SPCA policies concerning the feral cat program, and the concern about possible retaliation against volunteers who advocate for change.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes from July 2020 Meeting

- Meeting minutes were approved.

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports

- A. SF ACC Deputy Director Skeel provided updates on SF ACC's shelter operations under the shelter-in-place order, the feral cat program, and statuses on the new shelter location and on-line dog licensing. SF ACC Deputy Director Skeel also shared news about possible SF ACC participation in a new animal rescue show on television, and the formation of the CA Animals Disaster Committee who will coordinate state-wide responses to animals impacted by disasters.
- B. Commissioner Tobin provided an update on the veterinary services and resources that Commissioner Van Horn and other community partners have provided to the people and animals living at the Stanyan Street safe sleeping site.
- C. Commissioner Irani announced that the Good Food Purchasing Program was passed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors in July. Commissioner Irani also reported on state legislation concerning the live animal market, and discussed ways the Commission could help with enforcement locally should legislation pass.

5. New Business

A. Resolution Supporting Proposition 12 (Discussion/Action Item)

- Commissioner Irani presented an overview of Proposition 12 and a proposed recommendation supporting Prop. 12 compliance, and to ensure that local businesses are preparing and able to comply with the law's requirements as they go into effect.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.
- The Commission voted in favor of the recommendation. Commissioners Fortier, Tenofsky, Tobin, Torres and Van Horn voted in support of the recommendation.

6. Old Business

A. Commission Governance (Discussion/Action Item)

- Commissioner Torres reported that public access to City Hall is still limited, which impacts the ability to retrieve Commission-related mail delivered there.
- Commissioner Torres also reported the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee is planning to schedule Commission appointment hearings in September and that there are currently two active applications for the Commission on file with the Board Clerk.
- Commissioner Torres announced that Bay Woof newspaper is reappearing on-line and that he will be writing a monthly column for it.
- Commissioner Irani reported on the letter sent to the SF City Administrator earlier highlighting the Commission's need for City support, some of the challenges faced while meeting remotely, and requesting assistance with on-going issues.
- Commissioner Irani discussed the Commission's City Directory, and access to it via Google Documents.

- Commissioner Irani discussed the Commission reports that need to be provided to the Board of Supervisors.
- Commissioner Irani discussed the changes and updates in the revised Commission Manual.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.
- The Commission voted in favor of the Commission Manual updates. Commissioners Fortier, Tenofsky, Tobin, Torres and Van Horn voted in support of the revised Commission Manual.

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

- A. Commissioners suggested hearing from staff and representatives of SF ACC on what they do and the challenges they face; and hearing more about SF ACC financial matters and the impact of the shelter-in-place order/COVID-19 on their operations.
- B. Commissioner Irani announced that any agenda items for the October meeting should be sent to her by Friday, September 11th. The agenda, and any supporting documents, will be posted by Monday, September 14th.

8. Adjournment (approx. 6:17PM)