

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF
ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE
Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2016**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Annemarie Fortier; Julene Johnson; Russell Tenofsky; Jane Tobin; Davi Lang; Nanci Haines; Shari O'Neill, DVM

Absent: Lisa Wayne; Sergeant Sherry Hicks; Virginia Donohue (SF ACC)

2. General Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 15, 2015 Meeting

Approved by Commission with the following correction to change Fix SF to Fix San Francisco.

4. Chairperson's report and opening remarks

Chairperson Annemarie is hoping to prepare the quarterly report but a recent website re-do has lost the all of 2015 agenda and minutes. Working on sorting that out.

Commissioner Johnson noticed some small errors on the website and looking to fix spelling error as well as incorrect Commission vacancy information. Chair, Annemarie Fortier is working with the City and the Webmaster to fix those errors. The only current vacancy is for the veterinarian.

5. Commissioner's reports

Commissioner Tobin reported on Joint Zoo Commission meeting in January. Two reports to note: there is a new Mexican Grey Wolf exhibit as well as a renovated WPA building that houses an aviary exhibit which includes rescued free-flight birds.

Reports on senior zoo animals including a Black Rhino, Polar Bear and Lioness.

El nino has impacted attendance. Zoo has new promotions to encourage attendance.

Commissioner Johnson wanted additional follow up on ACC New Facility project. On hold until approved for inclusion on bond measure by Board of Supervisors. Also wanted a report on ACC's Behavior and Training testing protocol. ACC, Director Virginia Donohue replied to her via email stating she would like to wait until those positions are filled at ACC.

6. New Business

Disaster Preparedness. Dr. Shari O'Neill, ACC veterinarian and also NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) presented a slideshow and video on Disaster Preparedness.

Commissioners requested information on how ACC is communicating to the public: website, adoption packets, and also in the future through veterinarians.

Commissioner Johnson suggested dovetailing the need for disaster prep education to the public in proposed new facility, further supporting the need for a new facility.

Dr. O'Neill expressed it is most important to target seniors and those that do not speak English well. They are the most at risk.

Public comment - important to disseminate disaster prep widely and also make sure people plan properly if something happens to them. Suggested Red Rover Card which provides a place to put a contact of who will take care of the pet in the event that something happens to the pet guardian. Attendee suggested having cards like that at ACC and in the adoption packets.

7. General Public Comment

Attendee, Cea Hearth, elephant advocate. She thanked the commission for supporting the Ivory Ban legislation. Suggested that since the law is prejudicial to the Chinese, a proactive response recognizing the impact on Chinese merchants may be worthwhile. She suggested perhaps an ivory buy-back tax write-off for merchants who that have inventory remaining.

8. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

Commissioner Davi Lang - Report on numbers from Sgt. Hicks on number of dogs shot by SFPD.
Commissioner Julene Johnson - Would like 2015 SPCA/ACC Partnership Statistics report and presentation of statistics from both organizations.

Commissioner Jane Tobin - recommend adding preparing a letter of support from The Commission for the ACC's new animal shelter.

9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

Keep eye on the bond measure & design of facility.

10. Adjournment