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San Francisco Animal Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2024

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chair Michael Angelo Torres; Vice Chair Irina Ozernoy; Commissioners: Michael Reed, Jane Tobin

Absent: Commissioners Lisa Fagundes, Mikaila Garfinkel, Dr. Brian Van Horn, DMV; Department Representatives: Deputy Director Amy Corso, SF Animal Care and Control; Natural Resources Manager Christopher Campbell, SF Recreation and Parks; Dr. George Han, SF Department of Public Health; Officer Greg Sutherland, SF Police Department

2. New Business

- A. Commission Governance** [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioners Torres] The Commission discussed the meeting format changes, requested by the Office of the City Attorney, including additional public comment periods during future meetings.

No in-person public comments were provided.

3. General Public Comment [Discussion Item]

No in-person public comments were provided.

4. Approval of the draft minutes from the August 2024 meeting – Approved

No in-person public comments were provided.

5. Chairperson and Commissioners Reports

- Commissioner Reed reported on two chicks brought into SF ACC that turned out to be wild parrots. Mickaboo Rescue was called to care for the featherless chicks found on the street after DPW trimmed palm trees. DPW has since adopted the same tree-trimming protocols as Rec and Park to avoid other incidents.
- Commissioner Tobin reported on the progress of the animal welfare report, which will be reviewed by the Animal Commission in October and shared with the Joint Zoo/Rec and Park Committee as well. It will be presented at the November Joint Zoo/Rec and Park meeting.
- Vice Chair Ozernoy asked about the updates regarding the Animal Commission's horseback riding letter sent to the Board of Supervisors. Chair Torres noted some encouraging news about the City working on the issues and that the contract would not happen until 2025.
- Chair Torres responded to how the November ballot measures may impact the Animal Commission. Depending upon which ballot is approved, commissions will be subject to review for redundancies or potential reforms.

No in-person public comments were provided.

6. Items to be put on the Agenda for Future Commission Meetings

Possible follow-up and new reporting items, in the months ahead, include the SF Zoo, horseback riding in Golden Gate Park, disease tracking, and SF ACC reporting.

No in-person public comments were provided.

7. Adjournment – 5:53 PM