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San Francisco Animal Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2024

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chair Michael Angelo Torres; Vice Chair Irina Ozernoy; Commissioners: Lisa Fagundes; Mikaila Garfinkel; Michael Reed; Jane Tobin; Dr. Brian Van Horn, DMV

Absent: 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. General Public Comment

No public comments were provided.

3. Approval of the draft meeting minutes from September 2024 – Approved

No public comments were provided.

4. Chairperson and Commissioners Reports

- Vice Chair Ozernoy provided an update on the coyote attack that killed a dog in an off-leash area at Crissy Field. The coyote responsible for the attack was euthanized.
- Dr. Van Horn shared a coyote vest available for sale that he uses for his dog to protect against coyote attacks.
- Commissioner Tobin asked what to do with the Blue Angels and the negative impact on dogs. Dr. Van Horn suggested several mild sedatives.

No public comments were provided.

5. New Business

A. Joint Zoo Committee Recommendations [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Tobin]

The Commission discussed matters involving the San Francisco Zoo and voted on the recommendations made by the animal welfare advisors on the Joint Zoo Committee. Justin Barker, Founder of SF Zoo Watch, presented and also participated in the discussion.

The Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommendation report. The report will go to the Joint Zoo Committee for review at their October meeting and for a presentation and discussion at their November meeting.

No public comments were provided.

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

Possible follow-up and new agenda items, in the months ahead, include the SF Zoo, disease tracking, SF ACC reporting, meeting dates in December, and commission appointment hearings.

No public comments were provided.

7. Adjournment - 6:44 PM