

San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare
Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Nina Irani, Jane Tobin, Michael Angelo Torres, Annemarie Fortier, Irina Ozernoy, Brian Van Horn, DVM, Christopher Campbell, SF RPD, Shari O'Neill, DVM/ACC
Absent: Iris Chan, Officer Joe Majeski SFPD

2. General Public Comment - None

3. Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 2021 Meeting - amend to include ACC is working with local pet stores to address the overwhelming number of small animals.

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners Reports - Commissioner Irani reported on the status of Smart Climate Agricultural Proposition AB- 1289 and Child Nutrition Act 2022 AB-558 (formerly known as Plant-Based School Meals & Milk Act). Both were unanimously supported by the Commission in 2021 are now being considered by the city's State Legislation Committee. The meeting is on January 26th at 11 am.

Commissioner Irani also reached out for help from the public to place a cat in need of emergency foster or adoption care. She requested to be contacted directly for more information.

5. New Business

A. Veterinary Services for Companion Animals of Unhoused Residents

[Commissioner Ozernoy] The Commission discussed a recent inquiry requesting emergency medical resources to help an unhoused resident's companion animal. This incident was brought to the Animal Commission by Jennifer Boland, Legislative Aide, District 5, Supervisor Dean Preston.

An unhoused person's companion cat was attacked by a dog and required emergency medical services. Discussion included the ongoing need for emergency medical veterinary care in San Francisco and nationwide for housed and unhoused. There is a large deficit for these services. The cat was treated by the SPCA's Outreach Clinic.

Commissioner Ozernoy suggested an information sheet of resources is created to be included on the Animal Commission website. Christopher Campell of SF Rec and Park requested it be shared with Rec and Park.

Commissioner Fortier asked about any recourse for the dog that attacked the cat but there is no information on the dog.

B. Commissioners' 2022 Work Plans

Commissioners will each present individual work plans for discussion and inclusion into an annual work plan.

Work plan updates may be found on the Commission website but areas of interest include follow up to ongoing legislation, 2022 Kitty Hall and Smalls Hall with Supervisor Chan, researching captive animals, creating "calls for action" to allow the public to voice support of animal welfare legislation, create the 2022 calendar of public presenters to the commission, work with animal rights lawyers and Wildcare to ban the sale and use of glue traps.

Administrative goals - onboarding of new commissioners manual, website transition, changes to 4.1 ordinances, continued work to secure commission name change, continued work to create a mission of understanding with specific city departments to request specific administrative support needs.

Marketing - Commissioner Chan has created social meeting accounts for the Animal Commission. Links will be posted on the website.

6. Old Business

A. Reporting from Animal Care and Control - Dr. Shari O'Neill provided the following summary.

104 animals at the shelter - 25 cats, 47 dogs, and 28 others (smalls. wildlife)

Small animal numbers have declined.

December adoptions - 145 including 36 small animals.

Operations -COVID staff outages. Sheltered responded by temporarily changing coverage to 6 am - 6 pm.

Discussions continue to secure an emergency after-hours veterinary care contract with a provider.

ACC and other animal orgs are providing input to SF Emergency Management on the new [Tenderloin Linkage Center](#), 1178 Market Street. The Center will offer support services for the unhoused, many with companion animals.

Rabbits are receiving a virus vaccination.

Two new Animal Control Officer trainees have been hired. Continue to interview additional staff.

B. Commission Governance- 2021 Annual Report is out. Special thanks to Commissioners Torres and Irani for the report.

Voted on meeting remotely in February but may return to in-person meetings in March.

7. Items to be put on the Agenda for Future Commission Meetings - possible discussion of future legislation on stolen companion animals.

8. Adjourned - meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

