

San Francisco Animal Commission Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Michael Angelo Torres, Annemarie Fortier, Irina Ozernoy, Jane Tobin, Nina Irani, Iris Chan, Brian Van Horn, DVM; Shari O'Neill, DVM/ACC

Absent: Christopher Campbell, SF Rec and Park; Officer Joe Majeski, SFPD

2. General Public Comment - No public Comment

3. Approval of Draft Minutes from the July Meeting - Approved

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Fortier noted that the Commission's new contact from SFPD's Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit is Officer Greg Sutherland.

Commissioner Tobin announced the Bark the Vote event on 10/22/22 at Alamo Square from 10 am -2 pm. This free event is sponsored by Bay Woof Foundation to promote civic engagement and voter registration.

5. Old Business

Reporting from Animal Care & Control, current stats and quarterly report [Commissioner Torres and Dr. Shari O'Neill]

- 260 animals currently in care - 70 cats, 58 dogs, 27 other,
- 99 in foster care (88 are cats/kittens, nine dogs, one bird, and one- other)

ACC's Quarterly Report - please refer to supporting documents for the statistics.

ACC staff updates

- New Shelter Service Rep started work this week. ACO hiring is ongoing
- Two volunteer orientations this weekend - Dogs and Foster care

Public Health Updates

Dr. O'Neill is working on a policy and procedure manual for Monkeypox, including caring for companion animals of those hospitalized and protocol for ACC staff that might come in close contact with those who are sick.

Avian Influenza is a concern. ACC is tracking that along with the Department of Public Health.

Questions from Commissioners

Commissioner Fortier asked about the number of cats (500+) that came through the shelter this quarter and how this number contradicts what we are hearing from the public regarding intake.

Commissioner Tobin asked for more detail about how owner surrender information is recorded as well as the number of cats that were taken in and of breeding age is ACC tracking many were spayed or neutered.

Public comment

A caller involved in TNR suggested more preventative programs such as the spay/neuter van, educational info, etc. to reach communities where the feral cat community numbers are highest.

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

- Colette Dunleavy- Companion animal abductions
- Cat rescue partner presentation
- Vote on continuing to host meeting remotely

The next meeting is on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

7. Adjournment - approximately 6 p.m.