

**San Francisco Animal Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Michael Angelo Torres, Irina Ozerney, Jane Tobin, Brian Van Horn, Deputy Director Amy Corso SFACC

Absent: Christopher Campbell, SF RPD, Dr. George Han, SFDPUH. Officer Greg Sutherland, SFPD

2. General Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Draft Minutes from March - Approved

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports

Chairperson Torres updated the Commission that Commissioner Chan has resigned from the Commission. She has moved out of San Francisco and commissioners are required to live in San Francisco. He thanked her for her service, in particular, for her research and activating the Commission's social media sites.

Chair Torres also announced upcoming reappointments and additional openings for the Commission. The SF Board of Supervisors Rules Committee date for appointments and renewals has not been determined which likely means the Animal Commission will not have a quorum in June and may not meet.

Commissioner Tobin updated the Commission on California Prop 12. The Supreme Court upheld the ruling that pork farmers need to provide a minimum of 24 square feet of floor space for sows and further that California may not purchase from farmers not in compliance with the legislation. This includes out-of-state pork producers.

Commissioner VanHorn updated the commission on his hope to include a future agenda discussion in the increase of ticks and mosquito populations in San Francisco and the risk of heartworm vector diseases. His goal is to include key representatives from Los Angeles that were able to require reporting of positive disease results to control and monitor the spread of disease.

Vice Chair Ozerney noted there was a letter sent to the Commission asking to update on the live markets in San Francisco. Commissioner VanHorn noted that the sociopolitical issues hindered progress in the past however there appears to be some momentum toward change regulation and monitoring food borne disease.

Chair Torres noted there is a letter related to the live animal markets on our site and hopes to invite the authors to present at a future meeting.

5. New Business

A. Glue Trap [Discussion Item] [Vice Chairperson Ozerney] West Hollywood California council unanimously passed a glue trap ban. Vice Chair Ozerney shared the legislation along with information on the Animal Commission's steps to investigate passing a similar legislation for San Francisco. The West Hollywood Glue Trap ban ordinance is included on the Animal Commission website.

Commissioners' Questions/Comments

None

Public comments

Public comments in favor of the ban and thanked the commission for taking on the issue.

6. Old Business

A. Reporting from Animal Care & Control [Discussion Item] [Commissioner Torres and Deputy Director Amy Corso] Animal Care & Control provided reports regarding outcomes for animals, ongoing operations, and present the January – March 2023 Quarterly Report as well as SF ACC Cat Data January - March 2023. The reports are included on the Animal Commission website.

- Foster Care Coordinator has been hired and working with HR to fill other positions.
- Partnering with Vets in Vans - low-cost vetcare in ACC parking lot. Two Mondays per month is the plan.
- Full Belly Bus partnership - pet food for those in need on the second Wednesday of the month.
- Working on re-starting rabies/vaccine clinics with the help of Dr. VanHorn to get vets to volunteer. Rabies, DHLPP and microchips. Goal is to host these clinics 4 x per year.

Questions from Commissioners

Commissioner Ozernoy asked about bats and euthanasia. They are at high risk of rabies transmission so if there is any contact with humans, the bat must be euthanized. If bat has not had contact, it can be released.

Chair Torres asked about hiring ACO positions. Because the process takes a while, temporary hires may turn to permanent positions.

Chair Torres noted that moving forward Deputy Director Corso will attend meetings quarterly or as needed.

Public comment

Caller commented on the diseases and cruelty in live animal markets and the importance of bringing this discussion back to the commission.

Caller commented on ACC and care of cats and the lack of confidence in ACC. Another caller commented on the negative perception of ACC and its cat policy.

7. Items to be put on the agenda for future Commission meetings

- There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting will be held in Room 408 at City Hall on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Continue to check website for updates.
- Discussion on glue traps
- Possibly a discussion Animal Outlook
- Possibly discussion vector borne diseases.

8. Adjournment - 6:23 pm