

**San Francisco Animal Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2024**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Present: Chair Michael Angelo Torres, Vice Chair - Irina Ozernoy Commissioners: Jane Tobin, Mikaila Garfinkel, Michael Reed, Brian Van Horn; Christopher Campbell, SF RPD

Absent: Commissioner Lisa Fagundes; Advisors\* SF ACC Deputy Director Amy Corso; Dr. George Han, SFDPH; Officer Greg Sutherland, SFPD \*Advisors attend as needed.

**2. General Public Comment**

No in-person public comments.

One written public comment was submitted regarding the number of stray cats reporting in the SF ACC Quarterly Reports.

**3. Approval of draft Minutes from February 2024 - Approved**

**4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports**

No Commissioner reports.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Glue Trap Ban [Discussion Item] [Commissioner Ozernoy]** The Commission discussed recent developments and next steps regarding proposed legislation to ban glue trap use, sale, and distribution. Alison Hermance, Director of Communications and Marketing at Wildcare, and Jakob Shaw, Special Projects Manager at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), joined the discussion.

**Commissioner Questions/Comments:**

Q: Commissioner Ozernoy asked Jakob Shaw (JS) to explain the success of glue trap ban legislation in cities such as Ojai and West Hollywood.

A: JS explained there are animal allies on the city council, including the mayor, and there's community support. Ojai legislation was modeled after West Hollywood so closely that the original 12-month grace period to enact legislation had been reduced to 30 days. JS also noted the number of organizations that have supported the legislation nationwide is extensive.

Q: Commissioner Ozernoy asked about what larger cities are enacting a similar ban and how they manage any opposition.

A: Alison Hermance (AH) and JS discussed pest control alternatives such as rodent contraceptives. Christopher Campbell of Rec and Park noted the thousands of properties it manages and that although glue traps are a last resort in monitoring pest populations, Rec and Park does not decide on pest management tools. He suggested contacting the Environment Department, which manages the contracts across all city departments.

**Public Comment:**

A member of the public from Pestec Pest Control suggested that the Commission contact the Environment Department and commented that a ban may unfairly impact marginalized communities and may not be cost-effective for those who rely on less expensive solutions such as glue traps.

**B. Commission Governance [Discussion Item] [Commissioners Tobin and Torres]** The Commission discussed work plans, policy recommendation processes and formats, outreach to the Board of Supervisors, and the creation of our Annual Reports.

## **6. New business**

### **A. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Trapping Regulations [Discussion Item]**

**[Commissioner Ozernoy]** The Commission will discuss proposed trapping regulation amendments and their impact on San Francisco and other urban environments. This item was introduced but will be discussed more at a future meeting.

### **7. Items to be discussed at the next meeting**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife trapping laws.

### **8. Adjournment 7:01 p.m.**