

**San Francisco Animal Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 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

Absent: Commissioner Dr. Brian Van Horn, DMV; 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

Members of the public commented on SF ACC's policy regarding injured cats, and SF SPCA's policy regarding medical records that are released to animal adopters.

3. Approval of the draft meeting minutes from June 2024 - Approved

4. Chairperson and Commissioners Reports

- Commissioner Tobin and Chair Torres reported on a future meeting with animal welfare advocates at the SF Zoo.
- Commissioner Ozernoy shared information on an incident at the Botanical Gardens in which a child was bitten by a coyote. The response was to shoot three coyotes at the site.

5. New Business

- A. Office of the San Francisco City Attorney** [Discussion Item] [Commissioner Torres]
Deputy City Attorney Sarah Fabian presented on the Commission's powers and duties, and requirements and obligations under the California Brown Act and San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.
- B. Horses in San Francisco** [Discussion Item] [Commissioner Torres]
The Commission and animal advocate Rosemary Passantino discussed matters involving horses in an urban environment, and issues to consider when reviewing businesses offering horseback riding services.

6. Items to be put on the agenda for next time

SF ACC will share shelter updates and present the Quarterly Reports; continued discussions on SF Zoo and horseback riding in the City.

7. Adjournment - 6:45 PM