

County of Santa Clara  
Animal Advisory Commission



**DATE:** May 9, 2019, Regular Meeting  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Conference Room 157  
County Government Center – 70 W. Hedding Street, 1st Floor  
San Jose, CA 95110

**MINUTES**

**Opening**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**

Chairperson Vigil called the meeting to order at 6:32. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jerry Burge	Commissioner	Present	
Sharon Clute	Vice Chairperson	Absent	
Katherine Dettmer	Commissioner	Present	
Cristie Kamiya	Commissioner	Present	
Julia Lewis	Commissioner	Absent	
Sandra Lee Petersen	Commissioner	Present	
Chris Vigil	Chairperson	Present	

**2. Public Comment.** (ID# 96693)

One individual addressed the Commission.

**Regular Agenda - Items for Discussion**

**3. Approve minutes of the March 14, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

Item No. 8d was amended to begin, "Mr. Escobar reported that he provided presentations to numerous elementary schools, including St. Mary School in Gilroy..."

**3 RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED [5 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Sandra Lee Petersen, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Katherine Dettmer, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Burge, Dettmer, Kamiya, Petersen, Vigil  
**ABSENT:** Clute, Lewis

**4. Receive report from Office of the Clerk of the Board relating to officer elections.**

The Deputy Clerk stated that elections will appear on the July 11, 2019 meeting agenda.

**5. Receive report relating to the status of new shelter reports provided at the Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee meetings or at the Board of Supervisors meetings. (Lewis)**

No report was received.

**6. Consider verbal reports:**

- a. Receive verbal report relating to Spay/Neuter Program.

Albert Escobar, Program Manager, Animal Care and Control, Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA), reported that \$120,940 from the Spay/Neuter Program Fund has been spent for Fiscal Year 2019, and that a total of 65 cats in the Return to Field program were spayed or neutered. Finally, he reported that 1,320 cats have been spayed, 423 domestic and 897 feral; and that 894 dogs have been neutered, 647 regular breed and 247 large breed.

**6.a RESULT: RECEIVED**

- b. Receive verbal report relating to Shelter Statistics.

Mr. Escobar reported a 90.6 percent save rate for calendar year 2019.

He further reported that 409 cats and 229 dogs have been spayed or neutered at the shelter, totaling 638 animals.

**6.b RESULT: RECEIVED**

- c. Receive verbal report relating to Disaster Preparedness for Animals.

Mr. Escobar reported that the Animal Care and Control Division continues to manage the animal disaster planning function, which was previously managed by the Emergency Medical Services Agency, and that numerous meetings between the two agencies have and continue to occur relating to procedures. He further advised of positive feedback relating to a large-animal evacuation training held on March 16, 2019 at the Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department in Milpitas. Discussion ensued relating to recruiting volunteers regarding large-animal evacuations.

**6.c RESULT: RECEIVED**

- d. Receive verbal report relating to Dog Bite Prevention.

Mr. Escobar reported that presentations were made to two thousand children in the 2019 school year.

**6.d RESULT: RECEIVED**

- e. Receive report from Consumer Environmental Protection Agency. (CEPA)

Jo Zientek, Director, CEPA, reported that permits for the new shelter, including building and structural, are pending; that collaboration between the contractor and

architect continues; and, that groundbreaking is targeted for Summer 2019. She further noted recent positive media coverage of the shelter having one of the highest no-kill rates in the State.

**6.e RESULT: RECEIVED**

- f. Receive verbal report from Friends of San Martin Animal Shelter.

Linda Cunningham, Secretary, Friends of San Martin Animal Shelter (FOSMAS), stated that 60 bags of food were purchased for the foster kitten program, and that she researched donation options relating to a free public rabies and microchip clinic. Finally, she announced that the "Paws in the Park" event at Gavilan College in Gilroy is scheduled for May 18, 2019.

**6.f RESULT: RECEIVED****Announcements****7. Announcements and correspondence:**

- a. Chairperson's announcements.

Chairperson Vigil made no announcements.

- b. Commissioners' announcements.

No announcements were made.

- c. There are currently no vacancies on the Commission. For Internet access to the vacancies list and applications visit <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/bos/bnc/>.

- d. The County of Santa Clara provides reimbursement to appointed Commissioners for family care expenses incurred during the time spent performing their official County duties. For additional information please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 299-5001.

**Adjourn****8. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 157, County of Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.**

Chairperson Vigil adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Simunic

Deputy Clerk