

Castro Cares Meeting
March 28, 2018 – Minutes

Present: Andrea Aiello, Castro CBD; Daniel Bergerac, Castro Merchants; Gregg Carey, CCOP; Jamal Cool; St. Francis; Rob Cox, EVNA; Jared Hemming, SFAF Strut; Jim Laufenberg, Coldwell Banker; Kathleen Purcell, Wednesday Suppers at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church; Mark Scheuer, DTNA; Kristin Wojkowski, Castro CBD. Guests Present: Griffin Gaffney, Back on My Feet.

Absent: Bea Chun, Brian Hill, CCOP, Alan Lau

I. Introductions Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Griffin Gaffney of Back on My Feet joined us.

II. Update on Case Manager: Andrea shared the AIDS Foundation job description for the Case Manager position. Still needs final edits. Position will be a foundation employee and will be based in the SAS Dept. (syringe access services) of Strut. SAS Supervisor Michael Delarosa will oversee case manager.

III. Budget: Andrea reviewed budget handout. Budget was created by Andrea & Lara (of SF AIDS Foundation). There is currently \$28,000 from grant to cover 3 months of the case manager's salary (April – June). The position will be evaluated in December 2018. Success of position can be defined by connections to service, harm reduction and treatment). Between the donations we've received and the grant dollars, there is funding to pay for the case manager through December. Castro Cares would be responsible to raise \$58,100 if we wanted to keep Case Manager on through June 2019.

Committee supports Andrea's request to ask Supervisor Sheehy for \$60,000 in an "Add Back Request". Must be asked for in May. Andrea will draft letter to Supervisor Sheehy.

We'd like to have a branded vest uniform for the Case Manager plus hat & backpack. It would be similar to the HOT Team vest. It's a versatile option. No opposition to this idea.

IV. Back on My Feet: Griffin talked about Back on My Feet. This national non-profit addresses homelessness thorough running and has been active in San Francisco for 1.5 years. Participants receive incentives such as running gear, getting connected to housing and employment services. The amount of participants varies. Most members (homeless population) are sleeping in shelters. Volunteers visit the shelters around 5:30am to recruit.

V. Trashcan Update: Big Belly trashcans will become a pilot program in the Castro through DPW. Neighborhood will receive 5 cans. Andrea will talk to DPW about branding by CBD, Castro Cares and Merchants.

VI. Fundraiser FY 2018-19: We'll need to plan a fundraising activity for fall. Andrea, Jamal, Mark and Rob will move forward with this.

VII. Next Steps: Goal is to have a daytime resource center with no sleepovers. Andrea will check into rules and prohibitions. Daniel B. stated, we know what things are like without a respite center. We need to see how things will be with one.

Jared H. reported as of July 1st Saint Anthony could be a safe injection pilot site. The CBD Clean Team (Block by Block) currently keeps track of needle quantity data. Do they track needle "hot spots"? How about Patrol Special? If not, we should ask them to document. Let's also add the Mission Station Captain (Gaetano Caltagirone) to our Castro Cares mailing list.

Greggy gave a follow up report on Juan Carlos. His attorney asked for a postponement. If he agrees to stay away the felony charge will be dropped. Stay away is still in effect.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned 12:30pm

Minutes taken and prepared by Kristin Wojkowski
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