

**Castro Cares**  
**November 26, 2018**  
**Minutes – Draft**

**Present:** Andrea Aiello Castro CBD, Greg Carey CCOP, Sgt. Davin Cole HSOC, Rob Cox EVNA, Michael De La Rosa Castro Cares/Strut, Bevan Dufty, Jared Hemming SFAF, Alan Lau Castro CBD, Jim Laufenbert Casto CBD, Mike Poma MHR, David York EVNA, Kristin Wojkowski Castro CBD

**Guests:** Shaun Haines

- I. Introductions made, approval of minutes deferred.
  
- II. Intensive Homeless Outreach Update: Michael De La Rosa is the new Castro Cares Homeless Outreach Worker. Michael is based at Strut and is working half-time for Castro Cares, through a contract between the Castro CBD and SFAF. Michael updated the committee on the work he's done so far and the direction he's going in. Discussion, committee members happy with Michael's progress. Michael is also bringing additional resources for homeless outreach into the Castro – he has received a pledge from Homeless Youth Alliance to provide one outreach worker once or twice a month to accompany Michael (best practices is that there are always at least 2 outreach workers together); and HOT has also committed to one outreach worker once a week in the evening. Michael is working on finalizing a Castro Cares specific resource guide for the Castro & Mission.
  
- III. Sock Drive/Food Insecurity: Discussed sock drive, Shaun discussed collaborating with existing organization efforts that he is involved with (Sacred Space SF, MCC, Impact Partners) culminating in a give away event on Christmas Eve. Collections include not only socks but other necessities. Bevan, Shaun, David volunteered to help. Andrea brought up recent article she sent everyone on food insecurity in the Bay Area. She would like Castro Cares to research the need in the Castro, work with existing resources SF-Marin Food Bank and see if there is an unmet need here. Discussion, all agreed for Kristin and Andrea to research and report back at next meeting.
  
- IV. Adjourn: 12:34 p.m. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 23, 2019

Minutes taken and prepared by Andrea Aiello  
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