

Castro Cares Meeting July 24, 2019 Minutes

Present: Andrea Aiello, Castro CBD; Daniel Bergerac, Castro Merchants; Greggy Carey, CCOP; Capt. Caltagirone, SFPD; Griffin Gaffney; Jennifer Grant, LGBT Center; Jared Hemming, SF AIDS Foundation; Brian Hill, CCOP; Mark Scheuer, DTNA; Kristin Wojkowski, Castro CBD; David York, EVNA.

Absent: Rob Cox, EVNA; Alan Lau; Jim Laufenberg, Coldwell Banker; John Rivie, Castro Cares/ STRUT.

I. Introductions/Approve Minutes: Minutes from June meeting will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

II. Public Comment: Meeting order will going forward ask for General Public Comment in the beginning of the session.

III. Update:

- a) Homeless Outreach - John Rivie is doing outreach. The HOT Team partner is no longer coming out. It seems as if District 8 or the Castro in particular, doesn't have the numbers of people for them to outreach to that are high enough for HOT to justify them doing outreach here. John is regularly visiting MHR's Wednesday Night Suppers, St. Francis and talking with merchants. He's also working with Harm Reduction Therapy as a new connection. Since John must have a partner while doing outreach, Daniel asked if committee members might be willing to volunteer. Committee members agreed.
Andrea will discuss this with John.
- b) Public Safety - Greggy made the point that John Rivie, Castro Cares/ STRUT and Cody Clements, SF Patrol Special are on the same Castro Cares team yet don't collaborate. AA will arrange for monthly meetings between the two. Patrol Special is now using new technology to log data. There have been hiccups.
- c) City Update -The city has renewed effort to identify a "top ten" for needed services. These people will get filtered to Jessica, District 8. Capt. Caltagirone has forwarded his selection of ten to Jessica already. Castro Cares doesn't have to support or oppose the City's selection, but we can add names. Andrea has done this already.

IV. Program Priorities & Strategies Daniel asked if John R. can be in contact with Commander Lazar in the morning to check in about how many beds are available that day. Per Capt. Caltagirone, they usually know at 9am. The Capt. will check in with Commander Lazar to see if this is feasible.

Greggy suggested Castro Cares set its own resource network of services. We (as a group) should start building service network relationships. He currently attends the Episcopal Services workshops to build relationships and suggests John does the same.

V. Fundraising:

a) Video- approve funding in the amount of \$1,475 for production, by Carey Systems, of three short videos. Greg Carey stepped out of the meeting for this vote. DB made motion to approve, MS 2nd. Motion Approved.

b) Dance off- was fun, but didn't raise a lot of money. It was suggested we might try a different fundraising strategy. Maybe instead of two politicians like last year we reach out to local personalities and groups. For example, the Capt. said he recently put together a routine for his child's school.

VI. Meeting Adjourned: 12:30pm

Minutes taken and prepared by Kristin Wojkowski
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