

Castro Cares

March 24, 2020 11:30 a.m.

Minutes

Held via zoom

Present: Andrea Aiello Chair Castro CBD, Greg Carey CCOP, Bea Chun St. Francis Lutheran Church, Jen Grant SF LGBT Community Center, Brian Hill CCOP, Mike Poma Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church; Mark Scheuer DTNA, A. Sparks Castro LGBT Cultural District, David York EVNA

Absent:, Lara Brooks SFAF, Rob Cox Hartford St. Neighbors, Alan Lau Castro CBD, Jim Laufenburg Castro CBD, Terrance Alan Castro Merchants

Guests: Raymond Gonzales Downtown Streets Team, Cody Clements SF Patrol Special Police, Trey Nelson Castro CBD

Members of the Public: Larry Ackerman Coalition on Homelessness, Rachel Howard

- I. Introductions Meeting was called to order 11:34 a.m., introductions made. The Brown Act was reviewed. **Motion** JG1, BH2 was made to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes. BChun aye, DYork aye, MScheuer aye, GCarey aye, JGrant aye, BHill aye Minutes **Approved**.
- II. General Public Comment: Larry spoke about the effects of HSOC on the unhoused and the reality of HSOC “sweeps” on the unhoused.
- III. Update on Implementation of Castro Cares Grant
 - a. Downtown Streets Team: Raymond presented the February report, discussed “barriers overcome” these are an individuals own personal barriers that they face as they work towards recovery. Beginning the March report, those barriers will be listed in the report. Team is working well.
 - b. Public Safety Ambassadors: There’s been a glitch in the SMART system and it has been inconsistent. Trey and Andrea are meeting with IT for Block By Block this afternoon. Ambassadors are out from 7 a – 3:30 p Tuesday – Saturday, they are interacting with people living on the sidewalks. They are beginning to develop relationships with folks on the street so there is a growing mutual respect. Laws do limit the ability of Ambassadors to actually move people. They have been successful in asking folks to clean their areas up and to move so the clean team can clean the sidewalk.
 - c. SF Patrol Special Police: Cody spoke about the work that he has been able to do. There is increasing collaboration with the clean team and they call to alert him of people in distress.
Data analysis for all the Patrol Special shifts and the Public Safety Ambassador shifts will be presented at the next meeting.
 - d. Program Evaluation: Andrea reported she has not been able to find a consultant for the program evaluation component of the grant. Please anyone who may know of a consultant that does program evaluation, please pass their contact to Andrea.

e. Fundraising: The grant also includes funding for marketing which the group determined would be good for fundraising. Andrea will be talking to some marketing/development people for assistance. Again, any recommendations will be very helpful.

IV. Update A Place For All/Safe Sleeping Sites: Andrea reported that the hearing for this ordinance is on 4/21 in the Budget & Financial Oversight Committee. She will let people know the time. B.Chun spoke of her personal opposition to this legislation, she believes that the priority needs to be on housing and the city should not be diverted from this. Public Comment: Larry spoke, shared the Coalition on Homelessness is opposed to this ordinance.

V. Adjourn: MS1 BH2 Adjourn 12:24 pm

Minutes taken and prepared by Andrea Aiello
Approved April 28, 2021