

Castro Cares

August 28, 2019

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Minutes – Draft

Present: Andrea Aiello Castro CBD, Daniel Bergerac, Jennifer Grant LGBT Center, Brian Hill CCOP, Alan Lau Castro CBD, John Rivies Castro Cares/Strut, Masood Samereie Castro Merchants, Kristin Wojkowski Castro CBD, David York EVNA

Absent: Greg Carey CCOP, Cpt. Gaetano Caltagirone Mission Station, Bea Chun St. Francis Lutheran Church, Jim Laufenberg Coldwell Banker, Mark McHale Vanguard, Jared Hemming SFAF, Mark Scheuer DTNA, John Waller St. Francis Lutheran Church

Guests/Members of the Public: none

- I. Introductions made, May and July minutes were presented for review and approval. Edits made: Bea Chun attended the May meeting. **Motion made to approve minutes DB1, JG2. Approved.**
- II. A call for General Public Comment was made. There was none.
- III. Outreach Update:
 - a) Public Safety- Daniel Bergerac went on a “ride along” with Cody Clements of Patrol Special. Daniel reported on Cody’s “high level of community policing with compassion”. Cody seems to know everyone and everyone on the street knows him. During the two hour “shift” Daniel noticed some problem spots that need more lighting and trimming of overgrown hedges such as in the rear of the Castro Theater parking lot. It was suggested that the committee does what it can to support Patrol Special and work towards minimizing the amount of time it takes to hire new officers.
 - b) Homeless Outreach - John Rivie, the Castro Cares Homeless Outreach worker reported. John has been partnering with Harm Reduction Therapy. There seems to be a lot more people in the neighborhood. He thinks the higher volume stems from other neighborhoods (such as the Tenderloin) moving people so it while it seems like more, it may just be groups being transient.
 - c) City Update - Andrea and Masood attended the City’s monthly HSOC D8 meeting at City Hall.
- IV. Fundraising: The group will discuss during the September Castro Cares meeting.
- V. Warm Clothing Drive: A socks & knit caps drive will be conducted. More details will be discussed during the next meeting. David York can store some of what’s collected and Daniel Beregrac can store some in Mudpuppy’s as a convenient place for Patrol Special and John Rivie to pick up items for their

shifts. David York said he would help coordinate and to please send him a copy of last year's flyer.

- VI.** Adjourn: 12:25 p.m. Motion to Adjourn AA1, DB2. Approved.
NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Minutes taken and prepared by Kristin Wojkowski
Approved 9/25/19