

**Castro Cares**  
**September 25, 2019**  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Andrea Aiello Castro CBD, Daniel Bergerac, Lara Brooks SFAF, Greg Carey CCOP, Rob Cox Hartford St. Neighbors, Alan Lau Castro CBD, John Rivie Castro Cares/Strut, Walter Meyer St. Francis Lutheran Church, Officer Opreza SFPD, Kristin Wojkowski Castro CBD, David York EVNA

**Absent:** Cpt. Gaetano Caltagirone Mission Station, Bea Chun St. Francis Lutheran Church, Griffin Gaffney, Jennifer Grant LGBT Center, Brian Hill CCOP, Jim Laufenberg Coldwell Banker, Mark McHale EVNA, Michael Poma Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Masood Samereie Castro Merchants, Mark Scheuer DTNA

**Guests:** Officer Hung & partner SFPD, Jungle Smith

- I. Introductions made, August minutes were presented for review and approval. Edit to reflect Walter Meyer's attendance in and a typo fixed. The Brown Act was read. **Motion made to approve minutes DB1, DY2.** A call for public comment was made. There was none. **Approved.**
- II. General Public Comment: Jungle Smith made public commented.
- III. Outreach Update:
  - a) Homeless Outreach- Andrea reported that we are working on standardizing our data for reporting. John Rivie reported meeting new and unfamiliar faces in the neighborhood. Especially during the day.
  - b) Neighborhood Update - Officer Oprezza also reported seeing new faces in the neighborhood. Shelters provide day services, like showers are available even when beds are not.  
Daniel Bergerac recommended author Vivian Ho's book, "Those Who Wander" to the committee.  
Greggy introduced a program called "Pick Up Crew" which has a number you can text to have discarded needles picked up.
- IV. Fundraising:
  - a) Video Production and Timeline - Greggy shared 3 scripts for the videos in production and plans to have the first ready by November. Accepting referrals for people who might want to act or be an extra in the videos. Rob Cox has referrals. David York will ask the Imperial Court.  
**12:03pm Interruption by member of public, Jungle Smith.** Daniel Bergerac can assist in video production "behind the scenes". Mark S. can work on promotions, AIDS Foundation can write an article when the video is ready to distribute.

b) Other Fundraising- donations are dropping off due to lack of PR. Updated brochure, marketing postcard, maybe use QR code. Stronger Castro Cares presence needed. Can use EVNA newsletter for push. \$35,000 needs to be raised or Patrol Special service gets cut. Decided to create a postcard to send out every door direct rather than a brochure since funds are very limited. A call for public comment was made. Jungle Smith commented on this agenda item.

**V.** Warm Clothing Drive: A socks & knit caps drive. David York suggested some changes to the past flyer. Kristin will update. A call for public comment was made. A member of the public commented.

**VI.** Adjourn: 12:25 p.m. Motion to Adjourn DB1, DY2. Approved.  
NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2019

Minutes taken and prepared by Kristin Wojkowski  
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