

SOMPAC
Interim Finance Committee
July 1, 1997

A meeting of the Interim Finance Committee of the South of Market Redevelopment Project Area came to order on the above date in the offices of **Marty Cerles** at the Best Western Americana Hotel at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: Antoinetta Stadlman III, Secretary, Marty Cerles, Don Marcos and Jeff Roth

Members Absent: Ralph Kazanjian, Chair Marlies Hensel Edwin Jocson and Charles Range

Office Organization:

As numerous people were absent, the meeting was a relatively informal affair, a discussion of our future structure, at least in the near future. The minutes of the last meeting were approved, and **Don** was updated as to the events of that meeting. Discussion centered over hiring our own staff or a 501c3. **Antoinetta** said that she felt that this was one issue that it would be highly desirable to get some kind of consensus over, as she didn't want even two or three members to have an overall mistrust of the staff. Our own lack of direction to direct staff came up. **Antoinetta** said that we were in the paradoxical situation of a midwife attending her own birth. **Marty** suggested that a 501c3 be found that had little or no prior involvement in the area, and that no one would have any specific objections to. **Don** suggested **Claudia Viek**, who operated San Francisco Renaissance. They just took over a building, and were looking for tenants. It was figured that we needed a minimum of 600 square feet of space of our own. **Antoinetta** said that she had spoken with **Magne Veimoen**, owner of the Pontiac, and of the old SSMRA space. **Magne** had told her that both spaces would be let combined for \$1,500/mo. It was impossible to let only the front office, as the larger backspace would then be useless.

Antoinetta also reported on her contacts with one realtor who had a 663 square foot place at 965 Mission available, with an additional 1600 square feet also available. However, she was still awaiting a callback to get a price on this. **Antoinetta** also said that she had spoken with **Jason Cardona** of Mercy Charities about using the Columbia Square meeting place for our large meetings. **Jason** had requested a \$25.00 "donation", and no one present had any objections to this, it being understood that this was to defray cleaning cost. A consensus appeared to emerge over selecting a 501c3 previously unconnected to the neighborhood's politics to let us space and possibly act as a fiscal agent and source of staffing. It was agreed that **Don** would, research San Francisco Renaissance, and that we would all look for possible 501c3's that could be approached. **Marty** had reported **Amelita** of the South of Market Foundation had declined interest in performing these services, so it was realized some investigation needed to be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

The Minutes were taken and typed by Antoinetta III.