



SOUTH OF MARKET PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE

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ECONOMICS, EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday March 6, 2008

5:00 PM

Presiding Chair (5:02 PM)

John Markham

Chair's Report (5:02 PM)

Determination of Quorum (5:02 PM)

Present: John Markham, Antoinetta Stadlman and Henry Karnilowicz

Absent: Ingrid Aquino, Raymon Smith, Dipak Patel, Marie Romero and Mark Swenson

Staff: Karen Nolan

Agency Staff: Cathy Pickering

Guests: Ali Reza/SF State/KQED, Andrew Harris/Rancho Parnassus,

Approval of Minutes (5:03 PM)

Motion: *"To approve the February 2008 Economics, Employment & Business Development Subcommittee minutes as is."*

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passes

Agenda Order (5:04 PM)

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

Motion: *"To approve the agenda order as is."*

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passes

Announcement of Next Economics Committee meeting

Mr. Markham announced that the next Economics Committee meeting would be on Thursday, April 3rd, 2008.

Agenda Item 6. Update on the Economic Revitalization Plan for Sixth Street by Tracy Everwine (5:05 PM)

Ms. Pickering presented the update on the 6th Street economic revitalization in **Ms. Everwine's** absence. She stated that the Baldwin Hotel retail storefronts would begin construction this month. They will also begin painting the hotel. Rancho Parnassus has turned in all of their paperwork to the Agency and will begin construction this month. The Seneca Hotel would like to redo the façade and replace the granite on the front of the hotel and the Play Bar at the corner of 6th and Mission Streets has changed their name and is now officially "The Room".

Mr. Markham stated that the state inspectors will be out on March 18th to inspect the Seneca Hotel elevator and if they pass the inspection the elevator will be up and running on March 19th.

Agenda Item 7. Report from the Agency by Cathy Pickering (5:07 PM)

Ms. Pickering had nothing to report at this time. **Mr. Markham** stated that there have been a lot of questions from the Central Market CBD with regard to the 6th Street banners. He stated that a couple of the banners are torn and another is missing. He wanted to know what could be done about this. **Ms. Pickering** stated that she would contact AAA Banners to replace the banners. As she recalls, AAA told her at one point that they have extra banners so these should be able to be replaced at no charge.

Mr. Markham referred to Sweet Potatoes located at 6th and Stevenson Streets and wanted to know when they will open. **Ms. Pickering** stated that she would check with **Ms. Everwine** on this.

Agenda Item 8. THC 6th Street DA ARTS Space by Henry Karnilowicz (5:09 PM)

Mr. Karnilowicz announced that he spoke with the owner of the Sunnyside hotel with regard to the DA ARTS space on the ground floor that is leased by THC. The owner told **Mr. Karnilowicz** that **Mr. Shaw** has a fifteen year lease with the previous owner and pays no rent. There is three years remaining on the lease. **Mr. Karnilowicz** stated that the new owner does not know what is happening with the space at this time and **Mr. Karnilowicz** will follow-up with **Mr. Shaw** next week. He stated that he may contact **Ms. Parker** to see if she would be interested in displaying her artwork in the space.

Mr. Harris commented that lighting has such a big effect on 6th Street and he wanted to know if **Mr. Karnilowicz** could speak to the owner about lighting up the DA ARTS space at night. He stated that the light fixtures are already in place and they would just need to turn them outward and put fluorescent bulbs in the fixtures. **Mr. Harris** stated that he has researched the cost of this for his business and it is quite cheap to do. He agreed to provide this information to **Mr. Karnilowicz**.

Agenda Item 9. Committee Member Announcements (5:11 PM)

Nothing to announce at this time.

Public Comment (5:12 PM)

Mr. Reza introduced himself and announced that he is working with San Francisco State and KQED Public Radio on a web documentary about 6th Street. He would like to interview members and get the stories of 6th Street and the people who live and operate businesses on the street. He stated that they would like to begin shooting the audio soon

and left his contact information. He referred to the member list and stated that he would begin contacting members soon via e-mail and telephone.

Meeting Ends (5:17 PM)

**John Markham
Chair**