

SOUTH OF MARKET PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE

SOMPAC

Advisory body to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency

South of Market Alleyways Improvement Project

In 2006, the Agency and the San Francisco Department of Public Works (“DPW”) completed public streetscape improvements on Sixth Street between Market and Harrison Streets, which have improved the quality of life in the South of Market Redevelopment Project Area (the “Project Area”) by adding widened sidewalks, new street trees, and ornamental street lights. Agency staff and the South of Market Project Area Committee (“SOMPAC”) have had discussions recently with DPW about extending these successful improvements to the residential and commercial alleyways that occupy most of the rest of the Project Area. The alleyway improvements would begin with a planning phase utilizing DPW architecture and engineering staff funded by the Agency. The American Institute of Architects San Francisco (“AIA San Francisco”) has also been involved in the discussions and has agreed to help organize a design charrette to help the Agency and DPW develop ideas for the alleyways improvements.

Through discussions with SOMPAC, Agency staff and DPW have identified an initial set of alleyways for improvements. The planning phase for the initial set of alleyways would be followed by a future design and construction phase, as well as future improvement projects for other alleyways in the Project Area.

The Sixth Street Corridor Improvement Project, completed in 2006, included widened sidewalks, new street trees and ornamental street lights on Sixth Street between Market and Harrison Streets. The Agency and DPW worked closely together on the project, with DPW providing full planning, design and construction management services. On Sixth Street, the Agency funded the sidewalk improvements and DPW funded street repaving.

Based on the success of the Sixth Street improvements, Agency staff and SOMPAC have had discussions recently with DPW about improving the mixed-use alleyways in the Project Area. These alleyways serve as both residential and commercial streets, and have a wide range of low- to mid-rise buildings. However, most of the alleyways in the Project Area are characterized by broken pavement and a lack of street trees and lighting. In addition, the layout of the alleyways encourages automobile traffic to travel at high speeds. Together these conditions make the alleyways unfriendly and even dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Therefore, the primary goals of the alleyway improvements will be to slow automobile traffic and enhance the sidewalks in order to make the alleyways more pedestrian-friendly and bicycle-friendly. A wide range of improvements is possible, including raised crosswalks, chicanes (alternating parking on either side of the street), widened sidewalks, street trees and street lights. The exact nature of the improvements for each alleyway will be determined through the community planning process as described below.

Through discussions with SOMPAC, Agency staff and DPW have identified an initial set of alleyways for improvements. The initial set of alleyways includes Minna, Natoma, Russ, Moss and Harriet Streets between Sixth, Seventh, Mission, and Folsom Streets. These alleyways occupy most of the western half of the Project Area and are home to a wide range of residential and commercial buildings. The designs developed for this initial set of alleyways would serve as a model for future improvements to additional alleyways in the Project Area.

The DPW project team will include architects and engineers who specialize in public infrastructure and sidewalk improvement projects. The DPW project team will develop a variety of street improvement conceptual alternatives, including sidewalk and paving treatments, raised crosswalks, alternate side street (chicane) parking, street trees, street lights and other feasible improvements within City guidelines and the Agency’s budget, based on input from SOMPAC and the community. The scope of work in the proposed letter agreement calls for three public workshops, which will be noticed to all residents and business owners on the affected alleyways.

After a concept plan for the initial set of alleyways has been approved by the Commission, the DPW project team will develop contract documents, including plans and specifications for the selected concept. Implementation of the contract documents will be executed via a conventional City bidding process through DPW contract administration. The selected bidder will be implemented by the lowest responsive bidder.

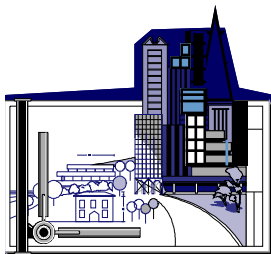
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SOUTH OF MARKET COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

SOUTHERN POLICE STATION

850 Bryant Street at 7th San Francisco, CA 94103
 553-1373 Fax 553-1073 Anonymous tip line: 552-4901
 Station Captain: O'Leary

911 Emergency Dispatch	911	Call for immediate threat to life or property, violence, murder, robbery in progress, use of weapons, fire or medical emergency in progress.
SFPD Non-Emergency number	553-0123	Quality of life calls-no immediate threat to life or property. Non-violent crimes, crack smoking, drug dealing on street, drinking alcohol on street, etc...
Mobile Assistance Program MAP Homeless Outreach Van	431-7400 (any day 24 hours)	Drunks on the street who are non-violent or passed out or seem to need help, but who don't seem to need medical attention. Homeless sleeping on sidewalk, driveways or porches.
The San Francisco Tool Lending Center	1:00-6:00 pm Wed-Fri Sat 9:00-5:00 701-8665 (Tool)	Lends hand tools and offers educational workshops. Provides residents and property owners access to tools free of charge, to promote neighborhood beautification.
DPW MJM Management DPT	311 820-3550 553-9817 553-1200	Graffiti removal, excessive litter or illegal dumping. Street Cleaning Abandoned Cars Cars parked on sidewalk, blocking driveway.



For the month ending March 2006, auto burglaries decreased by 42%, other thefts decreased by 37% and auto theft increased by 22% from last year. Robberies increased by 38%, aggravated assault decreased by 35%, drugs/narcotics increased by 142% and vandalism decreased by 53%.

Southern District Preliminary Crime Report for South of Market Project Area Month Ending: March 2007

Part I Crimes for SOM Project Area	March 2006	March 2007
Aggravated Assault	34	22
Auto Burglary	59	34
Auto Theft	7	9
Burglary	8	8
Drug/Narcotics	36	87
Homicide	1	0
Other Thefts	35	22
Rape	0	0
Robbery	8	13
Vandalism	17	8

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Victoria Manalo Draves Park Update by Jason Ortega

Coming out of its five month hibernation since October 2006, the Friends of Victoria Manalo Draves (Friends of VMD) Park group reconvened on April 10, 2007, which was hosted by South of Market Community Action Network's (SOMCAN) Youth and Family Organizer, Jason Ortega and Neighborhood Park Council's Outreach Coordinator, Chloe Good.

The meeting brought together new and old interested individuals, neighborhood members, parents, and non-profit workers whom received:

- 1) A brief history of why the group formalized in the first place
- 2) Achievements that were accomplished together
- 3) Current updates and tools that can be utilized for the park's longevity from the Neighborhood Service Area Manager, Steve Cismowski
- 4) Information on Park Rangers
- 5) Information on trees along Folsom St. (they may still be planted along the VMD sidewalk)

The original Friends of VMD group was comprised of residents and community members. They gathered together to ensure the construction of the park was completed by October 2006, fundraised for community art installations, and brainstormed around park safety and programming. Since then their work has paid off. The Park has been flowing with babies and strollers, children, parents, community members and people from all over who frequent this beautiful piece of architecture.

Participating in the group has key community benefits. At the April 10th meeting, the group discussed how to work closely with the Recreation and Park Department to maintain the park's vibrancy, because without the continued advocacy for essential amenities in the park like signs, restrooms, staff with storage space for outdoor equipment, gardeners and maintenance personnel, the park would turn into another under-served asset in the neighborhood and the community would not be able to use it in the long run. The group also brainstormed around future events they can organize. These events can vary from having a movie night, martial arts classes, competitive sports, art workshops and the list goes on.

The gathering of creative minds and committed citizens is what needs to take place in order to have a sustainable, healthy, green and clean park, which makes this neighborhood look like a diamond in a rough. As common as it may sound, this group uses one of the most powerful resources they can, *their collective power to win for their community*.

Please join us:

**Friends of VMD Park meeting
Tuesday, June 12th 6:00 pm
1035A Folsom Street-Community Room
(between 6th & 7th Streets)
San Francisco, CA 94103**

For more information on the Friends of VMD, please contact Jason Ortega with SOMCAN at (415) 348-1945 or email jortega@somcan.org

Other important contacts:

To contact our Park Rangers or to submit your comments & suggestions, please send an email to: park.patrol@sfgov.org or call (415) 242-6390

To learn more about Park Scan, contact Colleen Flynn with Neighborhood Parks Council at (415) 621-3260 ext. 102 or email: cflynn@sfneighborhoodparks.org



SPACE RESERVATION

For reserving tables or to host events, call the Permits & Reservations Office at (415) 831-5500

7 Million Seniors May Have Prescription Drug Rebates Coming
by John Melone

Many low-income seniors may have missed Federal subsidies because the government did not notify them. Dating back to January of 2006, many "duel eligible" people who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid (MediCal) according to a survey released by GAO on May 8, 2007.

The government did not notify them that they could be reimbursed for past prescription drug purchases when they enrolled in Medicare's drug benefit according Government Accountability Office (GAO) study has found. The problem is one of several that complicated the enrollment of nearly 7 million duel-eligible or medi-medi's since the start of Medicare Part D.

It takes more than one month for a senior who newly qualifies for Medicaid (MediCal in California), which provides health care to the poor, to be enrolled in a heavily subsidized prescription drug plan offered by Medicare. The law states, the person must get coverage retroactive to when they became eligible, sometimes as long as several months before.

Dear Neighbor:

The South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN) is seeking **your tax-deductible support** for School's Out Celebration!, a community collaboration event we are conducting with parents and staff of Bessie Carmichael Elementary School, the only pre-K - 8th Grade school in the entire South of Market and La Voz. The purpose of the celebration is for the students and their families to celebrate their diversity, get to know each other better, acknowledge and urge parents involvement in the school and larger community.

The School's Out Celebration will take place Tuesday, June 12, 2007 from 2:45 pm-5:00 pm at the Victoria Manalo Drive Park which is located at Folsom Street and Sherman Street, San Francisco. We anticipate a large turnout of about 400 students that attend Bessie Carmichael School along with their families.

For further information, please contact Angelica Cabande of SOMCAN, at (415) 348-1945 or (415) 574-9840 cell. We are most enthusiastic about the School's Out Bash! as well as the possibility of your support for the South of Market and we look forward to having you join us in the celebration!



Please join us in celebrating students and family diversity of Bessie Carmichael School with activities, food, games, performances and more!!



DONATIONS:

We need donation for food, drinks, condiments, party supplies and activity materials for Face Painting, Spin Art, Silk screen and more!

VOLUNTEERS:

We need volunteers to help with games, security, activities, food servings, setup and breakdown.

Volunteer Shifts are: 1pm - 3pm, 3pm - 5pm and 5pm -6pm

If you are interested in donating, volunteering or just want more information, please contact Angelica Cabande of SOMCAN at (415) 348-1945 or email awake3eye@yahoo.com

Welcome Split Pea to 6th Street by Urban Solutions

SEDUCTION – a means of enticement or temptation **SPLIT PEA** – a dried green pea, split and used esp. for soups Three words not often heard in the same breath, but they’ve merged into a tasty new take-out joint on Sixth Street.

With a drive to create simple foods from seasonal, local ingredients and a collective resume as chefs in some of the city’s most popular restaurants, Christian Noto and Sarah Ellison are poised to make Split Pea Seduction a delectable new destination. The new eatery’s menu features hearty soups, healthy salads and crostata, an open-faced sweet or savory pastry, baked to golden-brown perfection.

Christian and Sarah worked double-time to build out their newly leased space on South of Market’s Sixth Street. The pair identified the space, signed the lease, secured financing and held their grand opening with nearly the entire Urban Solutions’ staff pitching in. Sarah and Chris also received help from Nichelle Cole, a Human Resources Specialist and volunteer for Urban Solutions. Co-owner Sarah exclaims, “It’s unbelievable the help we’ve gotten from Urban Solutions. They’ve pretty much held our hand the entire way!”

The Split Pea owners might be new to business, but cooking has been in their lives a long time. The business partners conceived of this take-out business to expand their catering enterprise, Jersey Tomatoes. With the new space on Sixth, they now have a commercial kitchen to prepare for their catering jobs.

Christian grew up enjoying his family’s home-made Italian cooking with ingredients from the backyard. He’s excited to share his New Jersey-inspired cuisine with the South of Market community. “*Our mission is to bring our love and soul into the food that you eat,*” says Christian. “*We look forward to bringing healthy food options to the neighborhood.*”

Urban Solutions’ Project Director Tracy Everwine first heard from the Jersey Tomatoes caterers when they inquired about spaces on Sixth Street nearly one year ago. “*We’ve stayed in touch with each other since that first contact, looking for a space that closely fits their needs,*” explains Tracy.

Local foodies can find Split Pea Seduction at 6th Street at Minna (415) 551-2223.

For more information on Split Pea Seduction and to see what’s cooking today, visit www.splitpeaseduction.com or call (415) 551-2223.

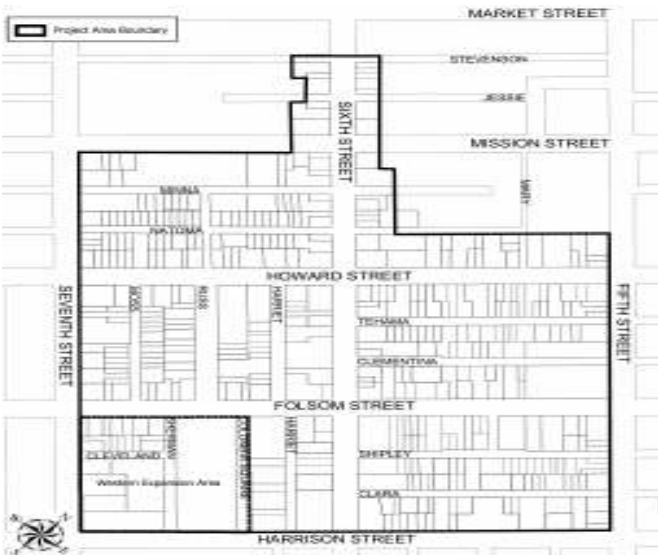
For information on their catering business, visit www.jtomatoes.com



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CBO: SOMA Employment Center/ Don Marcos (415) 865-2105	CBO: SF Medical Outreach Program/ Charles Range/Vice Chair (415) 436-0111	Residential Owner Occupant 2 vacant Seats	

Monthly SOMPAC meetings are held
 the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM
 All meetings are open to the public-please join us!
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