



SOUTH OF MARKET PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE

SOMPAC

Advisory body to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOMPAC CHAIR

by Antoinetta Stadlman/ SOMPAC Chair

The SOMA Redevelopment Project Area Committee continues to meet to discuss and formulate the plans for the improvement of Sixth Street and its immediate environs. The more public presence we have at our meetings will generally result in better outcomes for more of us.

We have had two new businesses open up recently on or near Sixth Street, Dr. Sinow's Optometry and the Mi Tierra Market, this last being a rare source of fresh produce in the area. In the near future, we will be having a Credit Union opening up on Sixth Street, as well as the Parnassus eatery, also on Sixth. The possibility of a Subway may also be on the cards. Finally, the Bindlestiff Theatre, a neighborhood treasure is finally being outfitted, and should re-open soon.

Also, over the next several years, work will be proceeding on an extensive Alley Improvements program. This will include resurfacing, sidewalks and speed reduction efforts, and finally some tree-planting. This project will be in two phases over the next two or three years and its progress will be routinely monitored by the PAC, and the input of Alley residents would greatly improve the quality of this discussion.

Finally, the future of the Sixth Street Fair seems to be in some doubt. The organization that did all the logistical set-up and administration of the Fair is now defunct, and the Fair lacks an organizer. While the Fair is outside the PAC's usual Redevelopment-related responsibilities, it seems a shame to lose this positive aspect of the community, so if anyone would like to participate in a discussion of possible solutions. This should be taken up by one of our sub-committees soon, please contact the PAC Office at 487-2166 for further information.

The PAC meets on the third Monday of every month and the sub-committees during the first week of the month. You can visit the PAC's web-site at www.sompac.com for meeting dates, agendas, minutes of past meetings, etc. Please come, participate, and let's work together in improving the neighborhood.

UPDATE FROM THE ECONOMICS CHAIR

by Henry Karnilowicz

With most of the brick and mortar work complete the one area that we are struggling is with the street people. Although the police have been rather diligent we are still having people loitering, urinating and defecating in the Sixth Street Corridor. At last though we have a new board at SOMBA (South of Market Business Association) which is keen on making the Sixth Street Corridor clean and attractive. The SOMBA board is intent on placing security cameras along Sixth Street, that can be remotely monitored, and it is hoped that with these security cameras we will be able to create a neighborhood that everyone will feel comfortable visiting.

The Hugo Apartments, at Sixth and Howard, are still in limbo with the SFRA still moving forward with eminent domain but nothing definite as yet. What will be interesting is that City Planning is in the process of determining the Sixth Street Corridor as a Historic District so will planning allow the demolition and the building of a new building or will it have to be restored?

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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: McDonagh

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 pm 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 8203550 311	Graffiti removal, excessive litter or illegal dumping. Street Cleaning Abandoned Cars Cars parked on sidewalk, blocking driveway.



For the month ending February 2009, burglaries increased by 50% over the same time last year. Auto burglaries increased by 28%, other thefts decreased by 24% and auto theft increased by 22% from last year. Aggravated assault decreased by 28%, drugs/narcotics increased by 21% and vandalism decreased by 58%.

Southern District Preliminary Crime Report for South of Market Project Area Month Ending: February 2009

Part I Crimes for SOM Project Area	February 2008	February 2009
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	6	6
Aggravated Assault	25	18
Burglary	4	6
Auto Burglary	18	23
Other Thefts	21	16
Auto Theft	7	9
Drug/Narcotics	52	63
Vandalism	12	5

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What's New at the South of Market Employment Center

by Dennis Marzan/South of Market Employment Center

On March 3, 2009, the Redevelopment Commission approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Westfield and the South of Market Employment Center (SOMEK) addressing permanent workforce requirement programs at the Metreon site.

This new workforce program was a community benefit included in Westfield's development plan, and will be the second associated with Metreon.

Originally opened by Sony Entertainment in 1999, Westfield bought Metreon in 2006; it had been experiencing a steady decline in its retail business and Westfield has since developed a plan to remake Metreon into a more culture and arts-oriented destination.

Westfield's plan, along with the MOU, was presented to the Redevelopment Commission. At the meeting, Executive Director Don Marcos urged commissioners to support this plan, citing the continued need for jobs for low-income San Francisco residents, and the commission voted unanimously for approval.

In 2003 SOMEK designed the Work Exposure Program in collaboration with Metreon as a means to help unemployed and underemployed San Francisco residents upgrade their skills through workshops at SOMEK and on-the-job training at Metreon.

Program participants began with a one-week training session where they focused on job readiness, then continued with a 30-day period where they worked in one of Metreon's departments. This second period focused on skills development and the development of working relationships between employers and job seekers.

The Work Exposure Program was generally considered successful. This program was followed in 2006 with the Workforce Development and Job Delivery System for the new Westfield San Francisco Centre, which followed a similar model and continued to place South of Market and other San Francisco residents into jobs.

SOMEK is also active in the CityBuild program, which aims to provide workforce training and job placement services for City-sponsored construction projects. CityBuild also serves to introduce San Francisco residents to the construction trade.

CityBuild job readiness training for construction is scheduled for this coming April and CityBuild Academy's Cycle 9 is scheduled to begin in May.

For further information on the Metreon redevelopment, CityBuild, and other programs and services, please contact the South of Market Employment Center:

SOMA Employment Center
288 7th Street (at Folsom), 2nd floor
(415) 865-2105
www.missionhiringhall.org

Update from the Economics Chair *con't*

by Henry Karnilowicz

The Passion Cafe and Rancho Parnassus, on Sixth Street, are steadily moving towards completion and we are hoping for openings sometime in July 2009. Although, there are a number of vacant storefronts that are in need of build-outs and tenants. The one place that has really added sparkle to the neighborhood is the Miss Saigon Vietnamese restaurant located at 100 6th Street.

The Economics subcommittee will continue to work with Urban Solutions on the Sixth Street Economic Revitalization Program to attract retail businesses to Sixth Street by providing Redevelopment Agency forgivable loans for façade and tenant improvements. The subcommittee will review the RFP from the Mayor's Office of Community Investment and make a recommendation to the Agency for the selection of a new contractor for the Sixth Street Economic Revitalization Program (only one proposal received to date).

The Economics, Employment & Business Development subcommittee meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Housing Subcommittee Upcoming Goals and Objectives for 2009

by Raymon Smith

The Housing Subcommittee continues to advocate for an increase in very low income, low income and affordable housing which may include security systems to monitor the common areas; advocating for the inclusion of open green space in developing new housing complexes; and conducting a SRO Forum which will focus on the New Revised SRO Visitor Policy and quality of life issues.

In addition, the subcommittee will continue to monitor the development of Westbrook Plaza, a 49 unit very low-income family housing building and a 20,000 square foot community health clinic (South of Market Health Center) to be located on 7th Street. The 474 Natoma Street project of 55 affordable family ownership units with an outreach plan to be discussed next month, and finally the Hugo Hotel acquisition which eventually will have affordable housing built on the site.

The Housing subcommittee meets the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Health, Safety & Human Services Subcommittee Update

by Ingrid Aquino

Well, spring has sprung and more of a lion than a lamb, here in the SOMPAC area I wander about the neighborhood; searching for signs of new and old graffiti, garbage blown about, watching the speed limit of the traffic in the corridors of Howard, plotting how to have more friendly streets...Well in my small role as the Chair of the subcommittee-Health, Safety & Human Services I look for ways to answer the community's voice in the areas of neighborhood community. HSHS (as it's known around SOMPAC office) responds to the issues of crime, public safety and quality of life issues, in addition to arts and greening of the neighborhood.

Recently our subcommittee heard from our local police officers from Southern Station on the stats that are down and how doggedly they are pursuing the issues in the South of Market. The subcommittee also helped review and approve the new contract for street cleaning, steam cleaning, graffiti removal, and tree maintenance on Sixth Street, which was awarded to MJM. We are continuing to review Phase I of the Alley Improvement project, which will include alley improvements with new sidewalks, paving, trees, street lights and traffic calming measures such as raised crosswalks and chicanes in order to slow down traffic. A wise person told me not so long ago that, "It's a learning curve" in regards to effectively understanding the issues and roles of SOMPAC and HSHS, I know this to be true and in summing it all up I believe that this is an excellent tool to represent the community issues in these matters and to bring issues to the right people in order to improve our community.

The Health, Safety & Human Services subcommittee meets the first Tuesday of the month following the Housing subcommittee at 12:00 noon.



6th Street Maintenance Program Steam Cleaning Schedule May 2009

The sidewalks on Sixth St. from Market to Folsom, including 100 feet into the alleys, are steam cleaned twice a month. The start times on the scheduled days are at 7:30pm. The schedule is as follows;

Wednesday	5/6/2009	6th St Market to Mission both sides
Thursday	5/7/2009	6th St. Mission to Howard both sides
Friday	5/8/2009	6th St. Howard to Folsom both sides
Wednesday	5/14/2009	6th St. Folsom to Harrison both sides
Wednesday	5/20/2009	6th St Market to Mission both sides
Thursday	5/21/2009	6th St. Mission to Howard both sides
Friday	5/22/2009	6th St. Howard to Folsom both sides
Wednesday	5/28/2009	6th St. Folsom to Harrison both sides

Dispatch Center: 415-543-5223
(7 days a week 9am-6pm)

Call 415-543-5223 to report cleaning and maintenance issues on Sixth Street between Folsom and Harrison and 100 feet in the alleys.

April Madness in the Garden

by Raymon Smith

This is a great time to add soil builder to feed plants that have been dormant all winter. It is time to plant vegetables and flowering plants. You may start with vegetables such as lettuce, peas, beets, carrots and beans that thrive in cool temperature. As the weather warms, plant peppers, zucchini, tomatoes and other warm climate vegetables.



In a shaded area you may consider culinary herbs such as creeping oregano, chamomile, rosemary and thyme which make a fragrant and edible ground cover. Also consider vertical planting such as vining pole beans, cucumbers and squash. Train them to grow up support poles or fences, which requires less space.

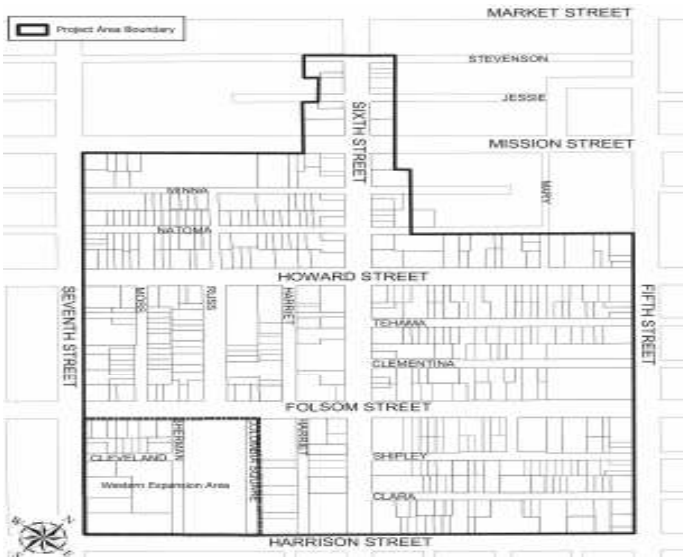
When cultivating small areas, choose varieties that are bred to go into small spaces. Plants that have baby, patio, pixie or dwarf in their names are good clues. Hanging baskets or planter boxes can be used for strawberries, celery, swiss chard, herbs and lettuce.

For additional information regarding gardening tips and upcoming events, please visit the new bulletin board near the Victoria Manalo Draves Park Community Garden. To be placed on the waiting list for the garden, please contact Marvin Yee at (415) 581-2541 You may also contact me at rsmithpsac@yahoo.com. Have fun gardening this spring and summer!

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<p>Non-SRO Residential Tenant/ Christine Ericksen (415) 571-0234 Member Since 2009</p>	<p>CBO: SF Medical Outreach Program/ Charles Range/Vice Chair (415) 436-0111 Member Since 1997/2006</p>	<p>CURRENT VACANCIES: Non-SRO Residential Tenant/ CBO: Bessie Carmichael Parent/</p>

**Monthly SOMPAC meetings are held
 the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
 All meetings are open to the public-please join us.
 Meetings are held at 1035 Folsom Street
 (between 6th & 7th) San Francisco, CA 94103**