

**SOMA Community Stabilization Fund
-- Community Advisory Committee**

**MINUTES OF February 21, 2008
5:30 PM**

Meeting Location

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor
Mayor's Office of Community Development
San Francisco, CA 94103

Community Advisory Committee

Angelica Cabande
Ada Chan
Jazzie L. Collins, Chair
Rudy Corpuz, Jr.
Conny Ford, Vice-Chair
Steven Sarver
Kelly Wilkinson

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Jazzie Collins called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. All members of the Advisory Committee present. MOCD staff present:

Claudine del Rosario, Sr. Project Manager
Benjamin McCloskey, Financial Analyst
Bruce Ito, Sr. Community Builder

Members of the public present were Esther Leong of API Legal Outreach, Andy Harris soon to be owner of café Rancho Parnassus at 6th and Minna, and Ursula McGuire, Senior Action Network.

2. DISCUSSION ITEM

Claudine del Rosario reviewed the agenda and meeting logistics. Committee agreed to switch items 5 and 6.

3. ACTION ITEM

Review and possible action on minutes of January 17, 2008.

Claudine asked facilitators to also review the notes from the townhall meeting for accuracy and completeness. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION ITEM

Staff Update

Claudine explained that the committee members need to fill out the Statement of Economic Interests and bring it to the next meeting.

Kelly gave notification to the committee that she will be resigning from the committee because she will be moving to the East Coast. Claudine presented Kelly a gift from the committee and from MOCD staff. Claudine and other committee members offered thanks to

Kelly. Ada asked if the committee could take advantage of Kelly before she leaves so that the committee can take advantage of her presence. Steve, Rudy, Connie and Kelly's seats expire in April 2008.

Board of Supervisors Committees may be reorganized in the next two weeks. Budget and Finance, Land Use, Community Operational, Audit are potential committees for this group to speak to. Mélange Matthews is working with the city attorney to create a draft Resolution including principles and goals. It would be ideal to have the Board of Supervisors approve the Strategic Plan through this Resolution. Discussion about what the Board of Supervisors will see and how they will react in this unprecedented situation.

5. ACTION ITEM

Discussion and possible action on Social Compact data.

This item was continued to the next meeting.

6. ACTION ITEM

Discussion and possible action on recent townhall meeting

Claudine thanked the committee for their work on the townhall meeting on January 17, 2008. Jazzie opened discussion on the townhall meeting, and reiterated that its purpose was to share the Strategic Plan and solicit feedback.

Kelly discussed her dialogue with community members. Conny described how she conveyed the process of how to create change. Rudy expressed his appreciation of the partnerships and the networking, and liked youth turnout. Angelica hopes for less dialogue around structure next time. She felt that agencies and services are not well trusted by the community. Not everyone knows where to go for services, making community cohesion difficult. People felt good that something was going back to the neighborhood, but that the public wanted more inclusion. Her example was the Jacob Family Foundation that sunk all its money into one neighborhood, hired neighborhood workers to do outreach, planning and building. Started with grocery store, expanded to housing and cultural center. Ada pointed out that this money is more flexible than government funding.

Steve sees the activities are in line with what the public wants, and action is what is wanted. Organizations that are likely to apply for the money need to be focused on the prioritized activities. He thinks the fund can be used to leverage the resources for them to do specifically what the committee wants them to do, not to provide general funding for agencies. Conny wants practical, hands on discussions about the RFP process. Kelly suggests the committee could fund a position to enlist community action to spend a certain amount of dollars on a community-based project.

Ada wants to know how the money will be divided up per the priorities. Angelica pointed out that much of the funding won't be available this year and wishes to focus on the Mello Roos funding. \$5.5 million sometime this year from general impact fees. Steve suggested teeing up the RFP process in preparation for the release of the money, and Ada added that the committee should be talking to potential nonprofits who would apply.

Ada and Rudy provided a brief update on the planning for a Youth Center in SOMA which has been going on for the past two years. The SOMA Youth Task Force has interviewed past present youth providers, those who tried and failed to build a center, assessed needs, and worked with architects to do a feasibility study. Jazzie requested an update on the Youth Task Force at the next committee meeting. MOCD has is administering predevelopment

funds through FADF for the Youth Task Force. At the townhall meeting, Kelly heard that the Hugo Hotel may be bought. Claudine confirmed that the Redevelopment Agency (SFRDA) would like to buy the building but will likely develop it for affordable housing.

The Bessie Carmichael Middle School at 4th and Harrison will be finished in August and might need additional support. Traffic lights at Folsom would take 3 months to design, about one year to build, and cost \$330,000. DPT has prioritized intersections for the next five years cannot add on funding for new projects. Western SOMA Planning Task Force has also prioritized these lights.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Esther Leong said that it has been very interesting learning about this process. She appreciates long-standing work. As someone working for a non-profit, we are the people, and we do want to represent the community. She asked that the Committee not discount the non-profit community. She would like to see a youth program with violence prevention. She would like to learn more and be part of this process.

Andy said that he is just here to learn and may be able to contribute later. Projected opening date of his restaurant is in May. Emphasis will be on working on computers. Andy encouraged people to watch the video of Fred Kent of Public Space Project at UC San Diego.

Ursula asked for more information regarding the process for committee membership. Jazzie said that the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee makes the decision after application.

Angelica raised the committee's awareness about a community advocacy issue. Rent subsidies time out after two years through the Department of Public Health. The SRO Collaborative is advocating for longer terms to five years for families. Angelica also made announcements about several other community events over the next month.

8. ADJOURN

Jazzie Collins adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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