## JOBS + SMALL BUSINESS

WORKSHOP NOTES November 10, 2014 Intersection for the Arts

SCHEDULE FOR COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROPOSAL

AUG 2014	Community update
NOV 2014	Focused topic series and feedback on community benefits
LATE JAN 2015	Proposed community benefits package

- > There are many different groups in the South of Market and various skill sets.
  - > The focus should be on the most vulnerable.
- > There is a lack of jobs that do not require a degree. How do you connect people to resources and get them ready for future jobs?
- > Can there be innovation with labor (such as planting trees) that would provide opportunities to people who may not have degrees?

- > There must be a continuum of job training.
- > The need for pre-apprenticeship programs is necessary and the need for funding with specific direct training is key.
- > Training an individual is useful but there is a need for case management that identifies the client's current aptitude, needs, and goals.
- > Some case management in the community is working but there must be a lead agency to identify sources.

- > Case management is necessary to get them ready for an apprenticeship program.
- > An idea of a Job Facilitator was given from a community member. The role of Job Facilitator would reach out to collaborating community organizations and connect the potential employees to companies or businesses.
- > What models are there?
  - > UNITE HERE! Local 2 provided a training program for their workers when there was an

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economic downturn and worked to re-train their personnel.

- > Incentives for members of the community to join paid apprenticeships vs. a small stipend.
- > Displacement and jobs go hand in hand; therefore anti-displacement support and job creation are common themes for larger dialogue about community development.

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#### **SMALL BUSINESSES & RETAIL**

- > Affordable retail rents & marketing/education for existing businesses is important to address.
- > Support and benefits to existing community serving businesses are important.
- > The challenge is how to determine priority with businesses in the area.
- > Can nonprofit space sub-lease to small businesses?

- > There is an interest in a small scale grocery store, with a focus on fresh fruits and vegetables. Look to the following examples:
  - > Co-op model
  - > 24/7 market like in Taipei
  - > Mi Pueblo: smaller urban grocery store
- > Local hire for retail jobs and also temporary outdoor retail such as markets provide more jobs.

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> TechShop/making is important. Tool making provides access to jobs.

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# **OTHER CONCERNS**

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#### **CHILD CARE**

- > Onsite child care is important for workers and residents. Feeing out would not address this need.
- > Another option is to support existing child-care facilities nearby.
- > Three child-care facilities closed within five blocks of the project, from lack of funding or building closure.