Leather Cultural District Working Group
November 29, 2017, 6:30 pm, SF Catalyst

37 People Attending, including some new people who I had not seen at previous meetings:
- Al Cromwell, Soma Guardians
- Bob Hughes, SF Citadel
- Mike Leon, Owner Eagle
- Jonathon Schroder, Mr. S. Leather
- Audrey Joseph, Event Producer

Bobbi from Jane Kim's Office spoke

- Whereas clauses set out what we want as a community

- Ronen legislation was handed out, but it appears it's moving forward quickly and may be coming to a vote before our leather district resolution. The current legislation says existing leather cultural district: Will have to change if this is approved before our legislation. Ronen will go to rules, and amendments can be made in rules or at the full board. It would have to either be silent on the leather cultural center or would have to reflect the cultural district is not yet established. Ronen legislation recommends a CAC, but for other districts may have other governance or oversight.

- Cultural district goes to land use committee then it goes to the full board. Amendments are best made at committee meeting.

- Audrey Joseph: Every development in the district has to check in with the district leaders. We need to establish an interim process to meet with developers before the legislation is approved by the board and supervisor. (Example PDR space between the Stud bar and new residential construction.) How does it work with permitting or funding for archives, bar, clubhouse, leather seniors? There is so much housing going in, do you know of any opposition in the residents?

- Dahn Van Laars: If the resolution is approved, then we have a 10 to 18-month process to build out the CHESS.

- Bobbi: I don't know of any opposition. West SOMA Voice, West SOMA CBD, could be allies. Ronen legislation defines what a cultural district is. Planning, small business and historic all have to participate. District needs CHESS Report, values, Mayor's Office of Housing, competitive solicitation process for non-profit oversight. Category IV funds for Mayors office of Housing and Community Development. 5-member advisory body nominated by Supervisors. Within 6 months of establishment, Historical, employment development, planning, human rights, etc. must all say how they will be impacted by the cultural district.

- Likely add a CAC to the resolution.

- Erik Will: How do we get a placeholder in the Ronen legislation? Established Districts and any districts with a resolution approved by the board of supervisors.

- We can't get scheduled at Land Use this year, so plan on land use in January. Then the two following Tuesdays.

- Rules committee meeting on Wednesday. We need a strategy for that. Bonnie is comfortable asking them to slow it down.

Introductions

Legislation Committee: Bob Goldfarb

- Bobbi covered most of the information.
- We do not have a meeting scheduled, but hope to soon.
- We're emailing and working on SLACK
- Talk about strategy for Wednesday's rules committee after this meeting: 1:00 pm on Wednesday at city hall

Outreach: Steve Gaynes

- Over social networks to individuals and 40 SOMA organizations
- Everyone Steve has talked to has been gung ho
- Open to more people
- The list of organizations will go into tangible assets – may go into legislation.

Purpose: Rachel Ryan

- Skip in the interest in time, skip this so we can let legislation committee meet.
- If you want to participate, do so online, or email Rachel
- SFLeatherDistrict.org has all the basic information

Tech: David Hyman

- SFLeatherDistrict.org has all the basic information and links
- Discussion on Slack
- If you have tech issues or questions, email Info@SFLeatherDistrict.org
- Help, who can help with tech.
- The link to the facebook page has link to live broadcast, meetings, and documents

Timeline/Next Steps

- Doodle Poll was for weekly meetings but they will for a short time. We're looking at scheduling monthly meetings moving forward (Rachel Ryan)
- Large meetings every month, and then committee meetings also monthly.
- December, twice a month at the most.