

Notes from CDBG community meeting held on 10/16/12.

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- OMI is a multigenerational neighborhood. People stay and are dedicated to making the neighborhood better.
- Community organizers that go house to house were very effective (provided by ACE previously).
- There is a lot of interest in improving Broad Street corridor with more businesses and residential development.
- Small businesses in the neighborhood need technical assistance to make sure that they thrive.
- OMI is a raw neighborhood that can be developed and improved upon, especially given its close proximity to City College and SF State.
- Would like to see more childcare facilities and health facilities in the neighborhood.
- Additional youth services are necessary to curb violence – how are youth being served by City College and SF State? Job training and college readiness are important.
- Community would like a business study for Broad Street and Ocean Ave.
- Would like the City to look at the data (crime, age of population, etc) and make investments in the neighborhoods that are most in need.
- More communication between City agencies when making investment decisions. Coordinate the 5 year capital plan with City investment priorities so transformation is possible.
- Ongoing concern with the reduction in homelessness funding.
- Developers need to be educated on the different models of affordable housing, such as TAY, that they may not be very familiar with.
- OMI has more Section 8 vouchers than any other SF neighborhood and the highest percentage of children.
- Western Addition and OMI are under-resourced.
- The City should be doing assessments of what they have tried and not repeat those strategies that did not work.
- Mixed income development should be a priority.
- Community cohesion with a diverse population is needed.
- There is a very tenuous relationship between OMI and Vis Valley.
- Crime is a top priority in the neighborhood. Residents are in contact with the police department.
- There should be regular Citywide meetings around affordable housing strategies. The community of developers and service providers are frustrated by the lack of coordination.