

BUYING FOR THE FUTURE

Freak Hall To Open



by John Anderson

How would you like to be able to rent studio and perhaps living space at a reasonable rate, have access to a music practice room, have room to work with photography, videotape, film and most other art forms? The possibility is here now and the reality shouldn't be long in the following.

The possibility begins with the purchase by the Basho Society (a non-profit artists group) of the old Knight of Pythias hall, an architecturally interesting structure near the Broadway,Main Kingsway intersection. The hall has two 4,000 sq. ft auditoriums (one carpeted), two dining rooms that can be rented out, and countless other rooms and cubicles suitable for virtually any imaginable activity save fox-hunting. The RM-3 zoning of the area make variable uses possible.

The Basho Society is dedicated to 'facilitate the emergence of new living-working life-styles' and 'the integration of these life-styles into the urban environment'. Its directors include Mo Van Nosttrand and Glenn Lewis among others. The Society was formed to provide a legal entity to deal with the mortgage corporations who provided the funds for the purchase. Payments on the mortgage will be met from contributions from founding members, membership fees, rental of space and possible grants.

The Society feels that too much energy has been expended in the past in finding suitable living/working/meeting space in various locations all over the city - it would be a tremendous improvement to have it all under one roof. If they can get the help and involvement that they need, it will be.

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