

BNP Organizing Committee
Wednesday, August 15, 2013
Union Bank
Minutes

We had a very informative/constructive meeting on Wed. Although, without a quorum.

Highlights of the meeting include the following:

Social Heritage District Update (Seifel Consulting)

* Seifel Consulting presented the attached DRAFT Tools for Social Heritage District. Please send me and Steve Wertheim your comments/questions/suggestions to the DRAFT by Mon Sep 10. Seifel plans to have a preliminary report by the next Org Comm meeting on Sep 19.

As a background, we are working on the formation of a Social Heritage District for Japantown. This in combination with an NCD zoning ordinance (see below) would replace the Japantown Special Use District. This is a totally new concept never done before, so we are part of a very pioneering process. The intention of a district is to create a list of key cultural assets, i.e., events/festivals, historic properties, cultural businesses, and set down a set of tools (development fees, tax incentives, property assessments, etc.) to preserve and sustain the cultural assets. The Cultural Heritage Subcommittee worked on the cultural asset list. Over the next couple of months we need to decide on the tools that are relevant and applicable to Japantown. The subcommittee will be reconvening to work with the consultants to develop a set of assets/tools for the approval of the Org Comm and eventual greater community review. There is a timeline to have a draft district ordinance by the end of the year.

* Also, attached is a recent article on community land trusts for commercial properties.

Draft Plan Outline and Narrative (Paul Wermer)

Paul has reviewed the Outline and Narratives for the Re-draft of the Plan and he will be re-convening the Exec Committee to final the documents for Org Comm

approval.

Japantown Neighborhood Commercial District Ordinance (Steve W)

Steve reported that Supervisor Olague is sponsoring a NCD ordinance for Divisadero. We have almost completed a proposed NCD that could be finished shortly. Further work needs to be done to add CU approvals not running with the land, and micro-housing. Karen will reconvene the Land Use Subcommittee to final. I will confirm with Supervisor to see if we can coattail the Divisadero ordinance.

Other:

* 1481 Post Street: The developers of the proposed hi-rise have re-started the approval process. A letter of the preliminary design review will be out in next couple of weeks. The developers plan a community outreach in the Fall.

* Future Organizing Committee Meetings: MARK YOUR CALENDARS, please

Wed Sept 19 6:00 to 8:00 Union Bank Community Room
Wed Oct 17 6:00 to 8:00 Union Bank Community Room
Wed Nov 21 6:00 to 8:00 Union Bank Community Room

Bob