

BNP Organizing Committee
Wednesday, November 14, 2013
JACL
Minutes

Here are highlights of the Organizing Comm meeting held Wed Nov 14

There was not a quorum.

1. Invest in Neighborhoods - Jordan Klein, Mayor's Office of Econ Development

- Mayor Lee has initiated this program to centralize City resources to selected communities, including Jtown. This will provide a single-point-of-contact to link various City agencies to Jtown. MOED has posted for the position. In the meantime, Jordan is our contact.
- MOED will conduct a economic assessment to determine Jtown needs. Due Feb 1.
- Goal is enhancing jobs, attracting and preserving businesses, i.e., helping with processing, financing, and concessions.
- Will work with Org Comm until Implementing Org is in place for Plan.

2. Geary BRT - Chester Fung, SFCTA

- 4 Alternatives being reviewed in the EIR process. 1) no change, 2) curb lane bus only, 3/4) center loading.
- EIR expected to be completed in late 2013. Planning/Design 2015 Construction 2019.
- Options for Fillmore: 1. No fill with curb side bus lanes. 2/3. Fill tunnel with center loading options.
- Cost will be a major consideration. Fillmore options 2/3 are \$50 million more than 1.
- Comments: Laguna needs to be a Limited Stop - critical for seniors, the biggest population in the area. The bridge at Webster is still being used actively. Create a safe crossing at Webster/Peace Plaza.

3. 'Strategy' Status - Steve Wertheim

- Expect to complete re-draft of 'strategy' document by Dec 31.
- Follow with outreach to confirm community buy-in by March.
- Schedule Planning Commission endorsement when ready.
- Comments: Make sure the outreach presentations are carefully scripted and presenters are prepared to answer the questions. Planning staff is essential to participate.

4. Neighborhood Commercial District Zoning - Steve W

- NCD matrix is complete and will await completion of the 'strategy' doc.

5. Social Heritage District - Steve Wertheim

- Seifel Report (sent to all Org Comm) is not FINAL. Please send comments to Steve ASAP.

- Comments:

- Recommended additions/changes to the Seifel Report:

1) Hotel Taxes from KabukiTomo to fund cultural festivals and events. 2) Parking Taxes paid in JCGC similar purposes. 3). Property Taxes: Not reassessing historic properties at sale/transfer. 4). Business taxes and license fees reduced for new businesses. 5). Building Permit and Change of Use/Conditional Use Fees waived for cultural start ups. 6). Restructure JC Garage capital improvement funding to cultural assets preservation.

- Visitor and tourist bureau resources, and special Federal programs for tourist neighborhoods.

- Add baseline services of Mayor's Invest in Neighborhood.

- Next meeting of Cultural Heritage Committee to review Page/Turnbull profiles of assets will be Tue Nov 21. When and where to be announced by Shelley.

6. Design Guidelines - Steve W

- Underway by Planning Department architects. Tailoring to San Francisco Japantown.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.