

# JCHESS Organizing Committee

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

## JACL

## Minutes

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Here are highlights of the **Organizing Committee** meeting on Wed Mar 20:

- \* MOED Invest in Neighborhoods (Diana Ponce de Leon and Jordan Klein): Presented the Japantown Neighborhood Profile DRAFT. This is a compilation of demographic, business mix, existing plans and migrations. It will be used to design specific MOED and other City agency programs that could be applied in Japantown. Comments/changes to the draft should be sent to Diana by Friday Mar 29.
- \* JCHESS Community Meeting Feedback/Feedback Tracking (Shelley Caltagirone): Exit surveys were taken from 30 attendees. The ratings were all of the highest two levels. Shelley presented a draft spreadsheet that will be recording all comments received. It will be tracking source (community meetings, outreach meetings, calls, emails) of comments and will track the recommendations to assure that the JCHESS has address the major concerns. Further, it was recommended that potential changes needed be highlighted. This will be reviewed in more detail at the next meeting on Apr 17. A draft will be sent to you before next meeting.
- \* Outreach Status (Bob): Of the approximately 30 outreach meetings being scheduled, 6 have been completed. The rest are being scheduled and pending confirmation. An update is attached. A post meeting update: Due to the lack of volunteers to support the booth at Cherry Blossom Festival and the cost, in lieu of a booth it has been arranged to have a JCHESS display at the NJAHS.
- \* Mio's Board of Appeals (Karen Kai): Karen reported that tonite the Board of Appeals was hearing an appeal made by Mio's, a merchant on Fillmore, about the Planning Dept approval of a new Oska's Store. Oska's is a European retailer that has plans to expand significantly in the US. They were determined to not be formula retail, inspite of their plans. Support letters and petitions were gathered including many from Japantown. A post meeting update: The matter was continued until Apr 15. Paul Wermer/Karen will send us a briefing for our comments and thoughts.