

BNP Organizing Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

JACL

Minutes

Following are highlights of the Jun 19 Organizing Comm meeting. There was not a quorum.

Mayor's Invest in Neighborhoods Program (Diana Ponce De Leon, MOED)

- see attached MOED Japantown Customized Services Plan Draft which includes proposed initiatives under the IIN Program.
- 1. Peace Plaza improvements
- 2. Streetscape improvements
- 3. Marketing Activities, website, etc.
- 4. Develop cultural tour approach to marketing.
- send comments to Diana by Friday Jun 28.

SF Heritage Business Preservation Summit (Shelley Caltigirone)

- Sat Jun 15, citywide attendees, chaired by Supervisors Sugaya and Matsuda.
- new proposal: freeze property taxes for bldgs that lease to heritage businesses.
- nothing new to change JCHESS.

JCHESS (Steve Wertheim)

- All public comments to DRAFT JCHESS are on the website including responses.
- Maps need to be annotated.
- JCHESS is exempt from CEQA.
- Document should be done by mid next week.
- Draft resolutions are in review by City Atty.
- Not enough time to have the document and resolution circulated to obtain support letters from organizations before Jul 17/18 commission hearings. There was consensus that July 17/18 commission hearings be 'informational'. This will give time to distribute and go back to organizations for support letters during Aug and before Sep presentation for approval.
- NCD district zoning is ready for property owner meeting Jun 27.
- Design Guidelines (see attached) are ready for comment.

Formula Retail (Paul Wermer)

- Proposed definition for formula retail (previously sent) was discussed.
- There are several proposed ordinance changes being sponsored by various Supervisors. This one is closest to the Farrell proposal.
- There was consensus to support the proposal.

1481 Post Street

- The proposed highrise market rate condo project has applied to process the EIR.
- There will be a public meeting held Tue Jun 25 6:00 at St Marys Cathedral. All are encouraged to attend.