

JTF/JCHESS Organizing Committee Joint Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Union Bank Community Room

Minutes

Following are highlights of the JTF/JOC Meeting on Wed Dec 18 at Union Bank.

Attendees: Greg Vioria, Greg Marutani, Bob Hamaguchi, Mary Ishisaki, Glynis Nakahara, Michiko Yamada, Hiroshi Fukuda, Ben Kobashigawa, Doug Dawkins, Tomo Hirai, Doug Dawkins, SFMTA (Andrew Lee, David___, Jesse Feldman-Barbary Coast

Geary BRT

- There will be a town hall meeting in Jan
- Possible dates Thurs Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30 or Sat Jan 11. Targeted to seniors and businesses
- Meeting agenda will include update of project and announce a staff recommendation.
- Recommendations: two meetings and consider added location of senior residents (Sequoias). Consider date/time for Kimochi lunch attendees. Send advanced material for feedback. Publicize in Nichibei. Specially focus on the improvements in Japantown/Fillmore area.
- Richard Hashimoto and Richard Matsuno have volunteered to join the Geary BRT Citizens Advisory Committee.

JTF Reports

- Greg Vioria: RFQ will be out shortly for JMA website redesign, Logo being developed that will be included in website, brochures, and street banners. Funding being provided by MOED and expect to complete by Jun 30, 2014.
 - Greg Marutani: Business Watch Group has been formed with SFSafe to reduce crime in Jtown. Thanks to Victor Lau, and Ray Vogelsong volunteering to be Block Captains. Workshops will be conducted in early 2014. He is tracking crime reports. Auto boosts have tripled year over year.
 - Bob Hamaguchi: Reported on meeting with MOED to seek funding for 2014-15. We submitted a proposal to the MOHCD RFP for education, leadership development, community building on Monday. We are told we are not qualified for the program, but encouraged to apply to see if there are other ways to assist.
- Today, we met with Planning Dept. Confirmed the implementation and preservation work plan staffing. The research reports for landmarks will be done by staff. The Supervisor's add back funds are not currently encumbered. We will seek funds for JTF.

JTF Restructure Discussion

- Thanks to Paul Wermer, Robert Sakai, Glynis Nakahara, Karen Kai, Bob Rusky for preparing the DRAFT Discussion Proposal.
- Comments to the Proposal
 - Must not be perceived as interfering with existing organizations purview, i.e. NPC. Add a

Preface that explains the proposal is to implement JCHESS.

- Board should be made up of 'influencers'.
- Board size needs more discussion. The committee structure is good for the various expertise needed. In order for the committee members to stay engaged, they must be given authority and ownership.
- Board and committees/organizations must work closely.
- There must be clear understandings of authority and communication. Decisions in the spirit and goals of JCHESS.
- Have board members serving on each committee.
- The staff needs to execute with advice from committee and with board approval as needed.
- Must have greater discussions on committees/organizations, board size, rules of engagement.
- Outreach to other organizations must be carefully organized.
- Board might be more of a 'council' that ratifies and coordinates staff execution.
- Getting quorums has been problematic. Need to craft by-laws that will keep committees and board members engaged.
- SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM OTHER ADDRESSEES.

Next Steps

- Restructuring: Board size and selection, committees, organizations.
- Get 1481 Post Street to next meeting.

Next meeting is Wed Jan 15. 2014 meeting schedule will follow.