

JTF/JCHESS Organizing Committee Joint Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

JACL

Minutes

Following are highlights of the Japantown Task Force (JTF) / Japantown Organizing Committee (JOC) Joint Meeting held on Wed Jan 18, 2013 at JACL.

Attendees: Bob Hamaguchi, Greg Vilorio, Sandy Mori, Chikara Ushiki, Bob Rusky, Karen Kai, Glynis Nakahara, Robert Sakai, Marlayne Morgan, Michiko Yamada, Judy Hamaguchi, Tomo Hirai, Ben Kobashigawa, Mark Moriguchi, Ros Tonai, Kathie Cheatham, Hiroshi Fukuda.

A. 1481 Post Street (Marlayne Morgan - Cathedral Hill Neighbors Assn)

- No current updated plan for 1481 Post Street. Current developers for 1481 Post Street developers are very silent right now.
- EIR draft will be available on late January. Hearing for EIR is scheduled for March; First voting hearing is scheduled for September.
- Drafted resolution for 1481 Post has been drafted by Cathedral Hill neighbors and will present it to meeting for Coalition for SF Neighborhoods.

B. JTF Reports

JMA Website Redesign RFQ (Greg Vilorio)

- Funded by JTF through a grant from MOED. JTF is currently administering the RFQ process for JMA and will serve as project managers for the web project. Timeline: Close Q/A for RFQ on 1/17/14. Close bids on 1/31/14. Selection no later than 2/28/14. RFQ is available at sfjapantown.org/news

Japantown Marketing (Greg Vilorio)

- 3D is planning to put murals on the Geary side of the malls.
- JTF made a request of MOED for new street banners. Will proceed when funding is confirmed and logo is decided on by JMA. (Subsequent to this meeting, JTF has been awarded the funding.)
- New Japantown Brochures: Funding has been obtained from MOED. Will proceed when new logo is decided on by JMA.

Japantown Crime Report (Greg Marutani) See Attached

- Total number of crimes reported : Auto boost(car breakins) are the highest category, followed by Noise/Nuisance over the last 16 month period(last 1/3 of 2012 to 2013). City violent crime has gone up 11%, but within Northern district only 2%. Auto boosts city wide have increased 29%, but within Northern district 42%.
- Police Captain of Northern Station has the approval to put stickers to warn people parking on Geary Blvd side of Japantown to remove any visible items in the car. Young people(Mo Magic?) who designed stickers for week of January 20th to put stickers on the meters.
- Greg reported on shooting outside of Pai'na: Shooting could have been outside of Japantown and not reflective of a result of activities in Japantown. Homicide has taken over the case.

- Capt McEachern will be present at the 2/13 of the JMA. Sandy asked if this meeting can be publicized to the greater Japantown community.

C. Announcements (Bob Hamaguchi)

- Richard Hashimoto has been approved to join the Geary BRT CAC to be a representative for Japantown.
- Geary BRT Community Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-8p @ JCCCNC. A subsequent meeting at a seniors residence will be announced.
- Steve Wertheim, Shelley Caldagirone, Bob and Karen will do a presentation on JCHES to SPUR, Tuesday Jan. 28 at 12p.
- SPUR Promo Event - Touring the Cultural Gem of Japantown - Wednesday Feb. 12 at 12:30p. will be led by Bob and Karen.
- JMA Meeting with Capt McEachern of Northern Station, Feb. 13, 3:00 at Union Bank Community Room.

D. Reorganization Discussion (Bob Hamaguchi / Greg Vioria)

- A revised draft reorganization proposal was distributed in a previous email. Considering the late mailing of the document, it was decided to have a smaller subcommittee meet before the next meeting and work on Purposes and Activities, Board Size/Selection recommendations for the larger group at the Feb meeting. ALL ADDRESSEES ARE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR COMMENTS.
- Robert S., Mark M., Bob R., Karen K., Greg V., Greg M., Mary I., Sandy M. volunteered for the subcommittee. Paul W. was added.
- Greg V. went over the reorganization timeline (Attached) which included major tasks required to implement the new organization by July 1, 2014.

E. Japantown Design Guidelines (Karen Kai)

- A new iteration of Japantown Design Guidelines was sent by Planning in December. It was not distributed pending more refinements. Glynis and Karen will organize future meetings to gather feedback. As a test case, the draft was applied to the Nihonmachi Little Friends proposed remodel/addition.

G: Future JTF/JOC Meeting Dates: (All Meeting times 6p-8p)

Wed Mar 19 @ JAACL

Wed Apr 16 @ JAACL

Wed May 21 @ Union Bank Community Rm

Wed Jun 18 @ Union Bank Community Rm