

**JTF Board Meeting**  
**April 26, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**1765 Sutter St.**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Rosalyn Tonai, David Ishida, Caryl Ito, Mark Moriguchi, Tak Matsuba, Jeff Mori, Benh Nakajo, Sandy Mori (Advisory)

**Guests:** Tilly Chang, Michael Gowe, Sachiko Kotani, Don Langley, Tys Sniffer, Pedro Tuyub

**Excused Absences:** Scott Belser, Seiko Fujimoto, Akira Minamiura, and Bob Otsuka

**Absent:** Pat Shiono, Doug Dawkins

**A. Presentation of DRAFT San Francisco Transportation Plan – Tilly Chang**

I. Passage of Prop K (Fall '03)

1<sup>st</sup> draft plan guided by multiple cities agencies such as, citizens advisory committee, transportation authority, as well as a 21 member expenditure advisory committee. This plan would raise 2.8 billion dollars through owners and local sales taxes, which in turn leverages four times that amount, up to 12.4 billion dollars over the next 30-year plan period. Local groups such as the Task Force have repeatedly voiced their needs including: less traffic, safety for local pedestrians, the “vision” for the Geary Corridor, enhanced signage around the neighborhood and improved circulation for the visitors of the tourist community.

The plan is divided into 6 sections:

- Vision and Goals – mobility, safety, equity, retirement, cost effective assessment
- Review of Existing Conditions – how are we doing today, what is the projection for the future, expected growth projection of population and jobs
- Investment Plan – 65% transit (50% maintenance, 15% expansion)  
24-25% streets and safety (signals, street repaving)  
8% Para transit (neighborhood development)
- Recommit to Transit – Discussion on Bus Rapid Transit to be implemented on Geary, Van Ness and possibly Potrero. Current buses would be able to be reused but speed and efficiency would occur from signal preemption and their own designated lanes, but the outlook for buses are hybrid gas-electric power.

The Task Force staff and board of directors strongly urged Tilly to incorporate the Japantown Concepts and Community Plan into the San Francisco Transportation Plan.

**B. Chair’s Report**

I. Follow up on availability for seats on the Task Force Board, make board appointments for the Japantown SB 307 committee and possible additional members to the 307 committee.

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2. Budget update – Funds are a little tight due to the end of the fiscal year with the Japantown Garage. Renewal is on July 1, 2004. Due to a few anonymous private donors, financial problems should not be a problem. The hold up of the \$50,000 for the SB 307 contract has been resolved.

## **C. Director's Report:**

### 1. SB307 Update

Linda Jofuku and Sandy Mori attended three San Jose Japantown meetings where Diane Matsuda and Paul Osaki arranged a meeting with Peyton Hall on April 28 at JCCCNC. Linda is waiting for the process to continue now that the Redevelopment has submitted all the applications to the state. The only thing being addressed at the California Preservation Conference regarding Japantown is from Gerry Takano and Tim Kelley from the Landmark Commission who will make an unknown presentation at the time.

### 2. Signage Update

Bilingual signs are fabricated and ready to install. Need to schedule an unveiling with the Mayor.

### 3. Staffing Update

Darryl Abantao will start working (April 27) in the office as needed, as a student intern and continue driving the Litter Hawk. Linda will be interviewing applicants from U.C. Berkeley Cal Jobs for the other student intern position.

### 4. Request Board Letter Approving Request for Funds From San Francisco Foundation

Linda will poll the board of directors via email to get requisite approval to apply for funds from the San Francisco Foundation and draft a letter for Jeff to sign.

## **D. Committee Reports: None.**

## **E. Other Business and Announcements:**

Linda thanked everyone who participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival -- Task Force Information table.

Tys Sniffen, running for District 5 Supervisor introduced himself.

We have lost Ernie Yoshikawa on staff as of April 16 and Darryl Abantao will be helping to fill Ernie's position. Darryl drives the Litter Hawk Street Sweeper and also will be helping around the office and maintaining the Task Force's website. Linda has also received an excellent resume from a UC Berkeley student who is proficient in Korean and English and is also learning Nihongo.