

JTF Board Meeting
March 28, 2005 @ 6:00 p.m.
1765 Sutter St.
Minutes

Attendees: Scott Belser, Michael Gowe, Caryl Ito, Sandy Mori, Benh Nakajo

Staff: Linda Jofuku, Darryl Abantao

Guests: Cheryl Brodie, Lorena Hernandez, Don Langley, Ralph Marchese, Bob Passmore, Paul Okamoto, Erika Sawyer, Leina Yamamoto

Excused Absences: Mark Moriguchi

Absent: Doug Dawkins, Seiko Fujimoto, Rosalyn Tonai, Tak Matsuba, Tetsuya Yoshida

A. Recognition of Quorum

B. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of February 28, 2005

C. Chair's Report:

1. Asian Pacific Heritage Month Celebration Committee

On Monday, May 2, 2005 there will be a kickoff to celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month. The celebration will include; Chinese, Japanese, Samoan, Filipino, Vietnamese, South East Asian and Korean communities. On Thursday, May 12 there will be an event at Nordstrom to celebrate the Asian American Women that have made notable contributions to their communities and Sandy Mori will be one of those honorees. On Sunday, May 22 there will be a street celebration with Japantown being the location for this event. For more information, you can visit www.AsianFairSF.com

2. Marchese Company

Ralph Marchese along with several of his associates discussed the plans of the Cathedral Hill Hotel located on Van Ness Avenue to become California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC). This is a unique opportunity for the Western Addition to have medical facilities in their community. The Marchese Company was informed that outreach must be neighborhood based and include Japanese, Korean and English languages. Ralph Marchese discussed job development and scholarship opportunities for our community youth.

3. 2006 Japantown Centennial Celebration

Sandy attended a meeting at JCCNC to discuss the 2006 Japantown Centennial. There were several concerns discussed regarding the 2006 Japantown Centennial Celebration. The Japantown Task Force would definitely be interested in supporting the Centennial Celebration but with caution as to how the Task Force would be obligated to do so.

4. Western Addition CAC

Sandy announced that Jeff Mori will be resigning from the Western Addition CAC and would like to know who we would like to recommend to the mayor for appointment. Currently Jeff and Chris Hirano are on the Western Addition CAC. They would prefer someone who lives or works in the Western Addition.

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D. Director's Report:

1. Arcadia Book Project Update
New photo release forms are now available for those who wish to submit photographs. We recently purchased a new Canon scanner for the book project that is faster and is more functional than our previous scanner. John Poultney approved the needed sample photos CD submitted as our first deliverable for the project.
2. Cherry Blossom Festival - Information Table April 16 & 17
On Wednesday, April 13, 2005 Darryl, Linda, Misako and Sandy attended a ceremony at City Hall to kickoff the Cherry Blossom Festival on the weekends of April 16, 17, 23, & 24. Daniel Homsey and Mayor Gavin Newsom hosted the event with performances by San Francisco school children.
3. Japan Center Garage Corp. Contract FY 2005-2006 Approved
The Japan Center Garage Corporation approved our 2005-2006 fiscal year contract budget.
4. DPW Clean Up Day – April 9, 2005 9am @ Peace Plaza
Robert Nagano will be recognized for his volunteerism for keeping the Japantown community clean by Supervisor Mirkarimi and DPW Director Ed Lee. 200 volunteers are expected to pick up litter and paint over graffiti. This is a coordinated effort with the Japantown Task Force, Inc., DPW, The Japantown Merchants Association, City Schools, and SF Community Clean Team.
5. Geary Tree Replacement
We received clearance from DPW to remove two trees and replace them with Cherry Trees on Geary Boulevard.

E. Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee
None
2. Business and Economic Development Committee
None
3. Health and Safety Committee
None
4. Cultural and Historical Preservation Committee
None
5. Communications & Marketing Committee
None

F. Other Business and Announcements:

1. San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival
2. Our next meeting will be on April 25, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.