

# japantown task force, inc.

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## **JTF Board Meeting July 25, 2005 @ 6:00 p.m. Union Bank of California Hospitality Room Minutes**

**Attendees:** Doug Dawkins, Seiko Fujimoto, Michael Gowe, Caryl Ito, Sandy Mori (Pres.), Mark Moriguchi, Rosalyn Tonai, Tetsuya Yoshida

**Staff:** Linda Jofuku, Darryl Abantao, Misako Mori

**Guests:** Gaynell Armstrong, Sachiko Kotani, J.K. Yamamoto

**Excused Absences:**

**Absent:** Scott Belser, Benh Nakajo, Tak Matsuba

### **A. Recognition of Quorum**

### **B. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of June 24th**

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

1. Meeting moved to Union Bank of California Hospitality Room.
  - a. The meetings have been moved because the JACL building is not up to par with the fire code for public meetings.
2. Reception for Ed Lee
  - a. Everyone is invited to this free event on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7 in the former Mikdado store in Kintetsu Mall across from May's Café. Organizations and individuals are being asked to make food or monetary donations for the event. The Japantown Task Force will collect money and make a donation on behalf of the organization.

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

1. Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget
  - a. Linda submitted a draft budget for fiscal year 2005-2006.
  - b. An executive committee meeting will be scheduled at a later date to discuss the budget.
2. Western Addition CAC
  - a. Sandy and Linda were sworn in by Mayor Newsom to the Western Addition Citizens Advisory Council on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. There will be a CAC planning committee meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, one of the topics being voted on will be the 1600 Webster Street site.
  - c. The Western Addition CAC will have their Budget meeting regarding the Redevelopment Agency budget on Thursday, July 28, 2005 at 6pm at the North Police Station.
3. Arcadia Book Project
  - a. Deadline was met and mock up was sent in on time. The cover photo was sent to S. Carolina. Within three weeks Arcadia will send JTF a proof for revising.
  - b. Linda is currently working out a marketing plan
4. Nihonmachi Street Fair-August 13-14
  - a. Volunteers are needed to sit at the Street Fair information table for 2-hour shifts.
  - b. The book will be promoted at this time. Pre-sales may be set up at this time.

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## E. Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee
  - a. None
2. Business and Economic Development Committee
  - a. The committee along with Rich Hashimoto met on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Japantown Task Force with Beard Papa and Stuart Scheinholtz. A letter from the perspective owners is enclosed in the board packet. Beard Papa is a cream puff chain from Japan, with locations on the East Coast and Hollywood. Since under the Owner Participation Agreement franchises are not allowed, the issue was discussed whether or not Beard Papa could be added to the OPA franchise exception list. Some of the topics in discussion were Mark's concerns that future OPAs should reflect the new and changing trends in Japan and the Japanese American Community. It was also noted that the Nihonmachi Merchants Association voted against supporting changing the OPA to allow Beard Papa.
  - b. Caryl Ito made the motion to support the addition of Beard Papa to the OPA exception list based on the information that the owners will participate in and contribute to the community. Doug Dawkins seconded. The board voted in favor with one opposition vote from Roslyn.
  - c. After discussion regarding the 1746 Post Street, Hokubei Mainichi Building, site a motion was made by Caryl to support the Draft of the J-Pop Center proposal shared at the June 27 board meeting, pending final review. Doug Dawkins seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor.
  - d. Roslyn asked that due to its historic value the Hokubei building's history be recorded for use in the proposed new building. Roslyn made the motion for the JTF to raise the issue of a review of the building. Doug Dawkins seconded and there was unanimous support from the board.
3. Health and Safety Committee
  - a. Due to an influx of crime (vandalism and robberies) in the area, at the request of Linda and Rich Hashimoto, there has been an increase in the number of police that patrol the Japantown area.
4. Cultural and Historical Preservation Committee
  - a. Helped out with book.
5. Communications & Marketing Committee
  - a. Reviewing newsletter for approval. The newsletter will be out before the Nihonmachi Street Fair.

## F. Other Business and Announcements

1. Master plan for Japanese Tea Garden
  - a. Draft plan is 95% complete, drawn up by Tom Elliot Fish Architect Firm (Doug Tom). Some ideas for the garden are rebuilding the Torii Gate, moving the pagoda and rebuilding the Shinto Shrine.
  - b. A meeting will be set up by Linda with Yomi Agumbiande, director of San Francisco Parks and Recreation to discuss the future of the Tea Garden.
2. Reception at Aviation Museum in SFO
  - a. There will be a reception from 6-8pm on July 28, 2005 at the Aviation Museum for a meeting between a group of Asian airline companies and SFO. The board has been invited to attend.
3. Ghosts of Little Boy exhibit at NJAHS
  - a. From August 6- January 31 the exhibit will be up at the Gallery with different scheduled events taking place throughout the city. Roslyn passed out flyers for the event.