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**JTF Board Meeting**  
**September 25, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**California Bank & Trust Conference Room**  
**Meeting minutes - DRAFT**

**Attendees:** Denis Henmi, Caryl Ito, Sandy Mori (Pres.), Mark Moriguchi, Benh Nakajo, Rosalyn Tonai  
**Staff:** Darryl Abantao, Bob Hamaguchi  
**Guests:** (none)  
**Excused:** Michael Gowe, Tak Matsuba  
**Absent:** Doug Dawkins, Seiko Fujimoto

**Recognition of Quorum established by 6 members.**  
**Meeting called to order: 6:15 p.m. by Sandy Mori, President**

A. **Approval of Minutes:** Board Meeting Minutes for the month of August with the following amendments; "JTF Board of Directors came out of closed session, made an offer, and officially hired Bob Hamaguchi as the JTF Executive Director effective September 1, 2006."

**B. Japantown Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Community Plan / Town Hall Meeting – Darryl Abantao**

When Darryl Abantao and Bob Hamaguchi took over the project, they were at a good starting point with the JTF Pedestrian Safety Survey completed with the results needing to be analyzed. Bob and Darryl attended a SFDPH sponsored workshop and incorporated the terms on traffic and safety calming into future presentations and the community plan. The results of the survey were presented to various organizations including the Sequoias, Nihonmachi Little Friends and Christ United Presbyterian Church. At the end of the presentation, the attendees were asked to participate in an exercise to prioritize the most important solutions to problems in Japantown. The final town hall meeting was held at the Sequoias and JTF presented the Japantown Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Community Plan. Guest speakers included Ana Validzic; SF Department of Public Health, Julie Kirschbaum; San Francisco County Transportation Authority and Frank Markowitz; Municipal Transportation Agency.

**C. Shogakukan Update – Denis Henmi**

The EIR and OPR will go to the Landmarks Board to be approved on November 11, 2006.

**D. Report from Bob Hamaguchi, Executive Director  
DPH – Project is Complete – W**

**Geary Corridor BRT – Sep 21 Meeting Results– T**

**Funding Sources/Financial Statement – August 30, 2006 – T**

**Police Foot Patrols Ordinance proposed by Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi – S**

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**EDAW – Japantown Photo Essay RFQ – EDAW is**

**Community Benefit Districts – September 7, 2006 Meeting Results – Bob**

**Advisory Board Members = Review Current List – Bob**

**E. Report from the Executive Committee – Sandy Mori**

**F. Committee Reports**

**G. Other Business and Announcements**

1. City Summit Sep 26 7:30 – 2:00 UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center

2. Press Clippings

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm