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## **JTF Board Meeting Monday, February 27, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m. JACL Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Sandy Mori, Caryl Ito, Denis Henmi, Benh Nakajo, Ros Tonai,  
**Staff:** Bob Hamaguchi and Greg Marutani  
**Guests:** **None**  
**Absent:** Mark Moriguchi, Tak Matsuba, Seiko Fujimoto, Lisa Watada

### **A. There was not a quorum.**

Meeting called to order: 6:15 p.m. by Sandy Mori, President

**B. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting on November, 28, 2011 and January 23, 2012.** Due to lack of quorum, the minutes would have to be approved at the next meeting. It was recommended that the minutes be approved by email.

### **C. Staff Report from Bob Hamaguchi, Executive Director and Greg Marutani, Community Aide**

#### Redistricting Update

Hamaguchi reported that the Redistricting process was to be completed by April 15 and the decision of the Redistricting Task Force (RTF) is final on that date. Public meetings of the RTF will continue right up to the deadline. All efforts of the Japantown Organizing Committee in coalition with several sympathetic Western Addition representatives had been so far very successful. The latest northern boundary was distributed to the board. The key assets of JCYC, Nichiren Buddhist Church, Chibi Chan, along with other Western Addition assets were now within the District 5 proposed boundary. If all goes as planned, this would be considered a great success. The consensus was that the map with these assets was the right map to support.

#### PG&E JEDM Grant Request \$8,000

Hamaguchi reported that we have received an \$8000 grant from PG&E Foundation unrestricted in support of the JEDM program. The money will be used for rent, insurance, and other small business support programs related to JEDM.

#### AT&T

Hamaguchi reported that application has been made to the AT&T for \$5000 to fund a speaker program for small businesses.

#### Small Business Assistance

Three clients had service needs in January. No new clients were obtained.

The business climate in January was normally slow following the Holiday season. Merchants had mixed reports for the Holidays. Garage revenue and transient parking

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were both down when seasonally adjusted. Hotel occupancy continues to be in the 90% range with significant improvement in the daily room rate. Several retail businesses continue on month to month arrangements, but stayed open during the Holidays.

## **D. Presidents Report from Sandy Mori**

President Mori reported that the Finance Committee of Caryl Ito, Mark Moriguchi, and Hamaguchi had met and reviewed and recommended the attached budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year. That budget totals \$150,000 including FTE of 2, BNP meetings of \$4000, Legal Fees for CLT Formation of \$20000. Meetings will be arranged with Wells Fargo, Comcast, SF Foundation, and Union Bank.

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

There was no new business or announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.