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JTF Board Meeting Monday, April 23, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m. JACL Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sandy Mori, Caryl Ito, Mark Moriguchi, Ros Tonai,
Staff: Bob Hamaguchi and Greg Marutani
Guests: **None**
Absent: Doug Dawkins, Tak Matsuba, Benh Nakajo, 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, February. 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

Fundraising Update: Neighborhood Arts Collaborative Letter of Intent was enclosed. JTF applied for \$25,000 for Japantown Arts Collaborative 2012. NJAHS, Kimochi, JCCNC, JBBP, New People, Fifth Stream Music, JMA all participated. Funding was decided by the a committee of the group. Proposal will be submitted May 18.

Small Business Assistance Update

A copy of the March Report to MOH/OED was discussed. We are on track of our deliverables. Note number of businesses assisted totals 14 and is 116% of annual goal.

Final Redistricting Update: Final redistricting was completed on April 15 and the boundary was all acceptable to the District 5 coalition. Special thanks to Karen Kai and Robert Rusky.

BNP Update: The April 23 draft of the plan outline was discussed. The essence of this outline is that it will be used to produce the full narrative report. The outline will be used to communicate the status of the planning. Of special note is to proceed with forming a Social Heritage District, passing of a new Japantown Neighborhood Commercial District Zoning Code, passing of a Design Standards, development of a Community Benefit Program, and formation of a Community Land Trust. It is hoped that a draft of a narrative plan can be completed by Dec 31. A EIR staff review would follow.

SHD work will be done by a outside consultant, Seifel, who will work with the community in developing interviews of the community and recommending constructive tools for the new district.

D. Presidents Report from Sandy Mori

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JEDM Update:

Edible Excursions: The EE food tours continue. They are scheduled every Friday and one Saturday each month. There continues to be a growing interest. EE is making a strong effort to expanding the tour since losing Uoki Sakai. It was recommended to publicize these tours with the TV food/restaurant programs.

Pedmounts Newstands: Will not be installed by Cherry Blossom, but we have been assured to be on the list of coming installations.

Merchants Website/Phone Applications: Merchants/Garage website will be re-done including a mobile application feature.

Cherry Blossom Trees: By Cherry Blossom Festival, we expect to plant 13 more cherry blossom trees. Sutter trees have been removed and we are awaiting stump removals. DPW/Urban Forestry is assisting.

E. Other Business and Announcements

There was no new business or announcements.

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