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

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

A. There was a quorum

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

There was a quorum.

B. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting on Nov 28, 2011, notes of Feb 27, 2011, and April 23, 2012. Hamaguchi will send notes of Jun 25, 2012 with budget for 2012-13. The minutes and meeting notes (where there was not a quorum) were approved.

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

Social Heritage District Update – SF Heritage Letter

SF Heritage draft letter inviting community members to participate in cultural heritage interviews. The letter includes a release. It was felt that there have been too many interviews over the last ten years. To be more constructive and attract interest, the letter needs to be from community members that are working on this project. There was also concern expressed that the vendor may not have the best reputation in this field. It is not likely we can seek another vendor due to limited funding. There were no suggestions for any other vendors. There must be a better explanation about what an SHD is and how the interviews will be used.

It was recommended that the letter be from the Organizing Committee, the names of the committee be added as an exhibit. The release could be also an exhibit.

(In a later discussion with Ros Tonai, SF Heritage was considered well qualified. She agreed that the community will take some real encouragement to participate.)

Daiso Conditional Use Approval

Daiso has become a client of JTF to assist them with holding the community meeting. The Jul 9 meeting was well attended with a good mix of merchants (including Ichiban Kan), community planning leaders. There was only objection to Daiso from Ichiban Kan. There is concern with the policy that the CU approvals run with the land. This means that if Daiso should leave 3D could rent to another retailer without having to go

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back for CU approval. Not likely that Daiso is going anywhere soon. The application will be heard at the Planning Commission on Thur Jul 26.

MOED Approved \$60,000 for 2012-13 and \$50,000 for 2013-14

Handout shows all planned activities for JTF for 2012-13 and 2013-14. Allocations of the various grants should support JTF admin of \$95,000 for 2012-13 and \$63,000 for for each year. There are added fundings from ATT and PG&E to support further admin for each year. A complete budget would be distributed to the board before the next meeting.

JEDM Update

See the JEDM Notes Handout. Marutani gave update on various JEDM activities.

Pedmounts no news. Culinary Tour is going on; however, the bookings are down. They are working with merchants to offer discounts and incentives to bring friends to Jtown.

D. President's Report from Sandy Mori

E. Other Business and Announcements

There was no new business or announcements.

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