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JTF Board Meeting Monday, March 25, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m. JACL Meeting Minutes

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

A. There was not a quorum

Meeting called to order: 6:15 p.m. by Caryl Ito, Vice President

There was a quorum.

B. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting on Jan 25, 2013 will be postponed until there is a quorum.

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

BNP, now known as Japantown Cultural Heritage and Economic Sustainability Strategy (JCHESS)

JCHESS Community Meeting was held on February 25 to roll out the JCHESS document and kickoff the review of the draft and timeline. There were over 100 attendees. The program included a review of the process and timeline, the Invest in Neighborhoods Program (Joaquin Torres). We will begin the outreach to approximately 30 organizations. Next steps will be to coordinate the outreach.

JEDM Update (Greg Marutani)

Marutani reported that the new pedmounts newsstands have been installed. The community cleanup for the Cherry Blossom has been organized and will include the hotel employees in addition to youth volunteers from JCYC. There are new cherry blossom trees in Buchanan Mall to replace the dead trees.

It was reported that the SF SAFE Business Watch is underway.

Small Business Assistance

OEWD staff conducted audit of office files and reports. Their letter of compliance was handed out.

Mayors Invest in Neighborhoods Program

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Japantown Neighborhood Assessment for the Mayors Invest in Neighborhoods program was handed out. The agency has hired Diana Ponce De Leon to work with Japantown. Will use the Organizing Committee to prioritize the eventual action plan.

D. President's Report

Tak Matsuba has told Bob effective immediately, he is resigning from the board.

E. Other Business and Announcements

There was no new business or announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.