

**JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE
CULTURAL HERITAGE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020
6PM – JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE (JACL)
1765 SUTTER ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94115

AGENDA

Committee Members Present:

David Takashima, Jeremy Chan, Jackie Chew

Staff Present:

Steve Nakajo, Lewis Kawahara

Others Present:

Judy Hamaguchi

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
- II. Approval of January 6, 2020 minutes
 - a. David motioned and Jeremy seconded to approve the January minutes. They were approved.
- III. Cultural District Update
 - a. Completing the sixth focus group this week with a session for young adults in conjunction with Nakayoshi Young Professionals aimed at broader inputs for the future for Japantown community. There has been strong attendance and following for all of the focus groups, which represents the goals of increasing engagement in the community.
 - b. Staff will focus on the data and writing up the content as next steps. The next benchmark is the JTF board presentation on March 18. Staff is also reviewing the artist submission from the call for the grand launch on April 11. Performers will be decided based on relevance to the theme.
 - c. Comments: David asked if there are there organizations that are pipelines for developing young leaders? Jeremy responded that there are a lot of organizations in the community (like NCI interns) and in colleges (Nikkei Student Unions).
- IV. Focus groups follow up and discussion of next steps for collaboration and support for Cultural District staff and CHHESS report development. (All)

- a. Steve shared that help is needed with further interviews and outreach to reach individuals in more areas (by subject and location) to gather more POV's and data. Committee members are requested to volunteer.
- V. Request for a letter opposing the President's budget reduction to Japanese American Confinement Sites Grants. (David)
- a. David recommended to the committee that the JTF board writes a letter opposing the 2021 budget cut to funding for internment camps preservation to be sent members of congress.
 - b. Public comment: Judy shared the JAACL public petition around this. The deadline is March 25.
 - c. It was decided that David should work with Sandy Mori to share the public petition and background information with the JTF listserv.
- VI. Other business
- a. None
- VII. Public comment
- a. None
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM. Next meeting will be April 6, 2020.