



**NOTES FROM THE
JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE
LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING**
1765 SUTTER STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Wermer, David Ishida, Richard Matsuno, Alice Kawahatsu Glynis Nakahara,

STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Hamaguchi, Greg Marutani

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karen Kai, Robert Sakai, Rose Hillson, Robert Rusky,

Meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

1481 POST STREET:

Paul reviewed the draft document regarding the 1481 Post Street project. It was recommended that the draft include a statement referencing concerns around the DEIR then presented to the JTF Board with a recommendation that it be sent to the developers of 1481 Post Street.

It was decided that an extensive list of the needs within Japantown be prepared to present to the developers even if the financial impact is not known at this time.

DESIGN GUIDELINES:

Glynis reviewed the results from the Design Guidelines subcommittee meeting. Consensus was developed around the outline. She will finalize outline and send it out to the individuals who attended the meeting and then schedule the next meeting.

She encouraged individuals to provide examples of both the desirable and not desirable look for Japantown.

NCD MEETING:

It was reported that there were approximately twenty individuals who came out to the meeting, several property owners not seen at previous meetings. Comments will be accepted through April 23, 2015. Responses to the issues raised in the comments received will be published.

NOISE / VIBRATION CONTROLS:

It was recommended that the noise/vibration controls be shared with Steve Wertheim to find out if this is something that can be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department.

Concern was expressed that adopting this would contribute to making it more likely that a new small business would look elsewhere.

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE:

Karen reported that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has a draft report that is currently available to the community. It proposes to landmark the Peace Pagoda and Peace Plaza. The Land Use Committee is being brought into the discussion.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Tuesday for May 12, 2015 at 1765 Sutter Street starting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.