



**NOTES FROM THE
JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE
LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING
1765 SUTTER STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Wermer, David Ishida, Jon Osaki, Alice Kawahatsu

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Marutani

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard Hashimoto, Ed Korthof, Karen Kai, Paul Jacobsen, Bob Rusky

Meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

DESIGN GUIDELINES

Proposed architectural guidelines completed. Glynis will assemble the notes and share them with the Subcommittee to finalize and present to the Land Use Committee. Two other sections remain to be reviewed are Public Realm and Landscape.

GEARY BRT WEBSTER STREET BRIDGE

Paul reported he received e-mails from Lisa Tsukamoto and Ann Matsuno Webster Street Bridge is essential for the students attending Rosa Parks Elementary School, Other groups that have children who use the "bridge" include the Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC) and Nihonmachi Little Friends (NLF) have children's programs that reach groups of 20-30 youths use the "bridge" to cross Geary to get to the other side.

It appears that there is no support in removing the "bridge." Paul will prepare a position paper to present to the full Board for adoption.

JAPANTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (NCD)

After reviewing the latest revision of the draft Japantown Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD) (Attachment A) it was the consensus of the Committee to present it to the JTF Board to request the Planning Commission approve the recommendations.

1481 POST STREET PROJECT

Jon Oasaki reported that he and Bob Hamaguchi met with Mayor Lee who called the meeting and asked about 1481 Post Street, which both and Bob and Jon shared with him. They believe that this was a data gathering meeting for the Mayor.

JTF recommended ADCO contact the JCCCNC to use as a place to present their plans to the community about 1481 Post Street.

The Rosa Parks Tree to be removed from Van Ness Avenue and be replanted by the Department of Public Works (DPW). It was pointed out that Rosa Parks Elementary School would like to have the tree replanted on its campus and has already identified a site for the tree.

A hearing is scheduled Monday, August 24, 2015 at City Hall Room 416 and begins at 5:30p.m. and support for replanting the Rosa Parks tree at the school is encouraged.

The next meeting will be Tuesday for September 8, 2015 at 1765 Sutter Street.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.