

Japantown Task Force Cultural Heritage Committee (CHC)
December 3rd, 2018

Attendees: David Takashima, Seiko Fujimoto, Sandy Mori, Richard Hashimoto, Jeremy Chan, Jacquelyn Chew, Benh Nakajo, Judy Hamaguchi, Coco Tando
Staff: Steve Nakajo, Lauren Nosaka, Max Loubet

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by David Takashima.

- I. Identification of Cultural Heritage Committee members
 - Committee membership goes to JTF Board for approval.
 - Interested members should submit a short biography to the committee chairs.
- II. Decide on monthly date/time/place of CHC Meeting
 - Meet once a month
 - Meet on the first Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the JACL building. Will adjust if conflicts with LU/T Committee meeting.

III. Selection of co-chairs of CHC

- David Takashima and Seiko Fujimoto as co-chairs of CHC

It was moved by Benh Nakajo and seconded by Jacquelyn Chew to select David Takashima and Seiko Fujimoto as the co-chairs of the Cultural Heritage Committee.

IV. Determine scope of work (subjects to be covered by CHC)

The following were brought up as potential subjects to be covered by CHC.

- Establish a vision in continuing Japanese and Japanese American culture and history in the US.
- Strengthen relations with Japanese companies in US, have more community ties.
- Strengthen relations with organizations that work on preserving Japanese culture and heritage.
- Revive/keep Japantown alive. Add more value to Japantown through arts/performances.
- Make an inventory of organizations that serve for Japanese cultural and heritage preservation to sift out what CHC will focus on. Don't overlap in roles. Find ways to support or expand existing activities.
- Look into the list of items that are pressing issues in Japantown, that overlap with the JTF mission. See which items CHC can focus on.
- Engage more individuals in the community, outside JTF Board. For example, representatives from other community organizations/companies.
- Collaborate with current organizations working on JA cultural and heritage preservation.
- Advocate for existing community organizations and support leveraging their activities.
- Strengthen ties with the African American community.

- Create stronger relations with recent immigrants and API.
- Incorporate ways to bring in new generations and keep them involved in community through technology, social media.
- Stay engaged with the implementation of the Cultural District Legislation
- Bring in more arts/performances to Japantown through collaboration with existing organizations.
- Invite community organizations and City representatives to share information, work together, and have a consistent line of communication.

The meeting was adjourned by David Takashima at 6:55 p.m.