

**NOTES FROM THE  
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE**  
1765 SUTTER STREET  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

**BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

Paul Wermer, David Ishida

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Greg Marutani

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Steve Nakajo, Karen Kai, Robert Rusky, Cynthia Joe, Linda Walsh

The meeting began at 6:10 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Geary BRT Landscape Update**

SFMTA appears to not be inclined to have community meetings regarding streetscape. Approximately \$40,000 may be coming from Department of Public Works (DPW). Liz Brisson hopes to get something out to LU Committee possibly next week.

Request clarification on what the \$40,000 will cover, which areas will be addressed, does it include work on the Webster Street Bridge, does it include the Buchanan crosswalk.

It was recommended to work with the Fillmore District to coordinate and assist by sharing information.

**B. Nihonmachi Parking Corporation (NPC) Update**

March 1, 2017 NPC issued their Request for Proposal (RFP) to four developers who were vetted based on the Request For Qualification (RFQ) issued late last year. Japantown Cultural Heritage and Economic Sustainability Strategy (JCHESS) would play a significant part of their selection of the developer(s).

Responses are due mid-April 2017. Committee will meet with the developers who submit a proposal. Hope to complete the review and present the recommendations to the full NPC Board, then hold a shareholder meeting.

Engagement with the community would begin once a contract has been signed with the developer and NPC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Japantown Peace Plaza Remediation Report**

It was announced that a copy of the 55-page Japantown Peace Plaza Remediation Report dated September 16, 2016 had been received by JTF. It will be posted on the JTF website as soon as possible.

The Executive Committee is recommending the JTF create an ad hoc committee to work specifically on this item with the major objective of ensuring that the community is involved in the process from the very beginning.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the JACL HQ.