

NOTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2017 MEETING

Present: Richard Hashimoto, David Ishida, Jon Osaki, Steve Nakajima, Alice Kawhatsu, Greg Marutani, Bob Hamaguchi (via cellphone).

Having reviewed the MCA report “Japantown Peace Plaza Remediation - Plaza Survey” the group concurred to request the JTF Board to approve an ad hoc committee to focus on the report and its recommendations to remediate the leaks would be between \$6.1 to \$7.6 million and also recommended an allowance of \$300,000 for the ceiling repairs in the Japan Center Garage.

It was noted the report did not include a look at the Peace Pagoda, its impact on leakage into the garage, the possible need the foundation would require any remediation, and its relationship to waterproofing the entire plaza.

The Peace Pagoda structure itself may require an assessment, especially the copper covering on each tier, which has had pieces fall off.

With the potential of landmarking the Peace Pagoda, it was recommended that this project proceed forward and definitely determine that, if landmarked, what impact that may have with the repair of the Peace Plaza.

This matter will be placed in the Cultural Heritage Committee that will provide the needed information to the ad hoc committee as soon as possible.

It is important that the message is clearly conveyed to the various departments; not to confuse the “temporary” fixes that are currently taking place in the Peace Plaza (short term) versus the overall remediation that may include a redesign of the current look to one that is more like the original concept or something newly created from community input.

Possible participants with the ad hoc committee would be Jeff Mori, Sandy Mori, Steve Nakajo, each of whom have valuable involvement with city elected and appointed officials, Dana Merker, for technical background with the previous design, and Ai Hayami from the Japan Consulate office as the Pagoda was a gift from Osaka, sister city of San Francisco.

Outreach to these individuals would be completed by the end of this week.

Upon confirmation from the JTF Board, the ad hoc committee is looking at Monday, May 1, 2017 at 10 am or Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to be confirmed after checking with the other suggested participants.

Due to the number of departments involved with the Peace Plaza, it was recommended that a list of key players be assembled. See attached list: