

**NOTES FROM THE
JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE
LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**
1765 SUTTER STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glynis Nakahara, David Ishida, Jon Osaki, Alice Kawahatsu

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Marutani

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Rusky

Meeting began at 6:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. PRESENTATION

None at this time

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Update on Geary BRT meeting

The following are the recommendations presented by the SFMTA/CTA:

1. Keep the Webster Street Bridge
2. Remove the Steiner Street Bridge
3. Laguna Stop become a local stop only

The LU Committee urges the JTF Board to approve the following recommendations:

1. Request that the funds budgeted by the SFMTA/CTA to demolish the bridge be used to enhance and/or refurbish the bridge in a culturally appropriate way and that any remaining funds be directed toward the repair of the Peace Plaza.
2. JTF send out a one-page notice about the SFMTA/CTA recommendation to remove the Steiner Street Bridge; include the 26-page PowerPoint shared at the April 4, 2016 meeting, and additional information about safety, usage and history, to community leaders, organizations, and institutions likely impacted by the removal of the bridge (Rev. Arnold Townsend, Western Addition Library, Hamilton Recreation Center, Gateway High School and KIPP, the public housing development south of Geary on Steiner, and the Church on Steiner between Geary and Post) requesting that they share the information with their constituencies, and if there is a preference to preserve the Bridge, to request the SFMTA/CTA to meet with them in their neighborhood.
3. JTF send out a one-page notice about the SFMTA/CTA recommendation to change the Laguna Stop to a local only stop; include the 26-page PowerPoint shared at the April 4, 2016 meeting, and any additional informational notes, to as many Japantown contacts as possible; and if there is a preference by Japantown

contacts to preserve the Laguna Stop as a Rapid Stop as well as a local stop, to communicate directly to the SFMTA/CTA and/or to attend the next JTF Geary BRT meeting (date TBD).

B. Update on Design Guidelines and City Action

Glynis will contact the Planning Department to find out what revisions may have been made to their initial draft design guidelines, share them with the LU Committee to review them and compare them with the draft Japantown design guidelines developed so far.

C. Discussion of Criteria for Supporting Businesses at Planning Hearing

The LU Committee will cull through the Special Use District (SUD) and Japantown Cultural Heritage and Economic Sustainability Strategy (JCHESS) to draft criteria that JTF would be used to determine its position and to what degree, create matrix, and include examples of how to be involved in the community.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.