

**NOTES FROM THE
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION, CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND
PEACE PLAZA AND PAGODA AD HOC COMMITTEES MEETING
OF THE JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE
1765 SUTTER STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017**

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:

Paul Wermer, Alice Kawahatsu, Ros Tonai, Glynis Nkahara, Judy Hamaguchi

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Marutani

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nob Mihara, Shiz Mihara, Tomo Hirai

The meeting began at 6:15 p.m.

LANDMARKING THE PEACE PLAZA/PAGODA:

It was a unanimous recommendation that the Japantown Task Force send a letter to the Historic Preservation Commission supporting the proposed landmarking of the Peace Plaza and Pagoda as described in the draft report prepared by the Planning Department.

It was also recommended that the JTF Board organize and promote Community Information meeting as soon as possible once the letter has been sent and a date has been confirmed for the HPC. The date being recommended was June 1, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Greg was tasked to check on the availability of the Community Room at Union Bank for that date and time.

GEARY STREETSCAPE

Paul provided an update on the apparent lack of any positive responses to the outreach of the Land Use Committee regarding the streetscape along the Geary BRT between Laguna and Webster Streets.

He reviewed the issues that he included in a draft letter he prepared and shared at the April 19, 2017 JTF Board meeting that was approved to go forward. He will update the draft letter based on additional comments he received at the meeting.

He would also include a list of the others who should be cc'ed on the letter that would be sent via e-mail to them while the original would be sent via U.S. Postal Service.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the JACL HQ.