

**NOTES FROM THE
JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE
LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**
1765 SUTTER STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Wermer, Richard Hashimoto, Glynis Nakahara

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Marutani

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Sakai

Meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

None

II. PRESENTATION

None at this time

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Update on Geary BRT meeting

1. Removal of Steiner Street Bridge

Outreach to as many organizations near the Steiner Street Bridge notifying them that the recommendation from the SFCTA is to remove the bridge and interested individuals and groups should consider inviting the SFCTA - SFMTA to meet with the community should there be those who want to retain the bridge.

2. Laguna Rapid Stop

Feedback from the meeting of the staff from SFCTA/SFMTA and the seniors held at the Sequoias was a good one as the staff heard from those who would be impacted by not having the Laguna stop a Rapid as well as Local stop.

Efforts to have the Geary BRT proposal revised to include the Laguna stop as a Rapid will continue as leads arise, especially within the senior community.

Contact was made with Steve Nakajo at Kimochi, Inc. regarding the Geary BRT recommendation to make the Laguna stop a Local Only stop rather than retain its current designation as both a Local and Rapid stop. He was encouraged to send a letter to SFCTA/SFMTA requesting the stop be both a Local and Rapid for the many seniors who participate in the numerous programs focused on seniors, especially the five-day a week lunch program.

B. Update on Design Guidelines and City Action

A meeting with Maia Small who is with City Planning has been set for Tuesday, May 31, 2016 starting at 3:30 p.m. at 1650 Mission Street to review the draft recommendations

prepared by the Planning Department and see how they align with the draft work being done on the design guidelines for Japantown.

C. Discussion of Criteria for Supporting Businesses at Planning Hearing

After discussing the July 2015 version of the criteria that would serve as a way of determining the degree of support or non-support for a project in the Japantown area, some clarifying language will be incorporated for the June 7, 2016 meeting of the LUT Committee to possibly recommend adoption of the final version by the JTF Board.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.