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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING & PRESERVATION OF JAPANTOWN

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPT 10, 2018
6:00 P.M. JACL BUILDING
1765 SUTTER STREET

6:03 Meeting called to order by Glynis Nakahara

Committee members present: Judy Hamaguchi, Jeremy Chan, Alice Kawahatsu, Linda Walsh, Glynis Nakahara, Clint Taura, Karen Kai, Rich Hashimoto, Sandy Mori

Guests: Nicole Elliott, Jeremy Schwartz, Marlane Morgan

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. **GUEST** – Nicole Elliot and Jeremy Schwartz, SF Office of Cannabis (OOC)

- 2005 medical cannabis legalized. 51 businesses. 31 store fronts. 20 delivery only.
- Prop 64
- Cannabis legalization task force created w/ Prop 64
 - o OOC created summer 2017. Under city administrators office.
 - o 142 temp permits granted to cultivators.
 - o Regulatory control framework:
 - Dual licensing system: local and state. Apply to OOC, then Land Use, neighborhood outreach, community benefits agreements, odor controls prior to final permit issuance.
 - o Land use control framework
 - 600 feet (~2 blocks) from schools (K-12). Pre-school, youth center, and day care are not included as an immediate denial. However, the Planning Commission will likely include those facilities in their assessment.
 - o Legally, cannabis cannot be consumed in the public.
 - o Creation of “consumption lounges” being discussed.
 - o Michael Christensen at Planning is a good point of contact with any questions.
- New establishment will have to go thru the Equity Program.
 - o If eligible then you will be granted an application.
 - o Phase 1: Proof of space, ownership of business, disclosure of all owners, etc.
 - o If you pass thru that phase 1, then your application is forwarded to Planning.
 - o Businesses will need systems in place for security, employment, etc.
 - o 30 days notice to community.
 - o Community can raise concern up until permit is given.
- Concern raised that historically Planning Commission does not post adequate signage for conditional use changes.
- Landlords regulate whether tenants can consume on their properties.
- Consumption not allowed on any public housing properties.
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II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/UPDATES

A. Cannabis Legislation

- a. Glynis proposes a study group to learn more about this legislation and its impact on Japantown. Judy Hamaguchi recommended outreach to Chinatown community to learn about their successful efforts to regulate cannabis related businesses in their district.

B. Peace Plaza/Pagoda Landmarking and Improvements

- a. Announcement for meeting Thursday, September 13 at 5:00

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Amendment to SUD Zoning Regarding Mezzanines
 - a. NCD for Japantown does not specifically note regulation of mezzanines.
 - b. Glynis will reach out to Planning to see how we can amend SUD Zoning.
- B. Decorative Crosswalks
 - a. SFMTA reached out to LUT and Japantown CBD regarding interest in installing decorative crosswalks for Post and Buchanan crosswalk.
 - b. Karen will outreach to SFMTA for more info.
- C. Geary BRT New Trees
 - a. Handout for proposed tree addition and removals
 - b. Karen will outreach to see if we can have cherry trees planted instead of the proposed London Plane and Fern Pine trees.
 - c. SFMTA needs response from community their choice of tree within 10 days of today's meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marlane Morgan, Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association.
 - o Proposing meeting between groups regarding opening of CPMC.
 - o October or November date? St. Mary's as potential venue.

PARKING LOT ITEMS

- *Neighborhood Guidelines*
- *Geary BRT*
- *Japantown Cultural District*
- *1710 Octavia/BCA Building*
- *Carshare/Bikeshare/Scooters*
- *Buchanan/Sutter Bus Bench*
- *CBD Public Realm Improvements*
- *1481 Post Street*
- *NPC Lot Development*

*Indicates potential recommendation to JTF Board of Directors