

**NOTES FROM THE  
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE**  
1765 SUTTER STREET  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

**BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

Glynis Nakahara, Richard Hashimoto,

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Steve Nakajo, Robert Sakai, Kevin Kawashita

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Greg Marutani

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Kevin Kawashita introduced himself as a person who volunteered at Klmochi, Inc. co-chairing Sansei Live a few years ago; he worked at [East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation](#) (EBALDC) and is currently employed at Veritas.

**II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Geary BRT Median Update: Status and Planning for Community Meeting**

Glynis reported that she will be asking the Japantown Task Force (JTF) to host a community meeting focusing on the proposed design features for the median crossing at Buchanan on Geary. Wide and targeted outreach is warranted for this meeting, slated for November, in order to get a final design concept to SFMTA by their deadline in early December.

**B. Ford GoBike Update**

Glynis reported that she is awaiting a response from Justin Hu-Nguyen of Motivate for Ford GoBike regarding being notified as soon as any proposed stations may be designated for Japantown and how much time would there be for the community to respond to the SF Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA).

**C. Webster Street Bridge Community Clean Up and Painting w/Dept. of Public Works**

Glynis reported that the proposed painting of the Webster Street Bridge will not take place this year. However, discussions are taking place with Supervisor London Breed to coordinate with District 5's clean up day in order to leverage volunteers for the Webster Street Bridge effort. Date should be determined after the new year. Bridge color will need to be determined.

**D. NPC Development Update**

Robert Sakai reported that there is no new information to present regarding the progress on the Nihonmachi Parking Corporation (NPC) project as they are still in negotiations with the prospective developer.

**E. 1481 Post Street Project Update**

Glynis reported that there is nothing new to report on this item at this time.

**F. Peace Plaza/Pagoda Landmarking and Improvements Update**

Glynis reported that the Peace Plaza/Pagoda Ad Hoc Committee held a meeting where representatives from Recreation and Parks Department (R&P), the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and Supervisor Breed's staff were present to update the community about the repair and remediation effort, discuss plans for moving forward with the project, and whether landmarking of the Peace Plaza and/or Pagoda might impact the cost and/or the timeline for the remediation.

Tim Frye from the HPC indicated he was going to proceed with drafting language for the Peace Plaza/Pagoda that would allow the designation of the landmarking without impacting the overall cost of the remediation. He has passed that language on to London Breed's office who will be vetting it with the community.

Because the Peace Plaza and Pagoda landmarking involves both the Cultural Heritage and Land Use/Transportation Committees she will be recommending to the JTF Board that the chairs and/or designated representatives from both committees be added to the Ad Hoc Committee and that notes from each committee meeting is promptly shared between each committee to improve coordination and communication.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Sutter Street Residential Parking Permit Expansion**

Glynis reported that Kathryn Studwell, Program Manager for the Residential Parking Policy of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) contacted London Breed's office with interest in outreaching to Japantown about parking along Sutter Street. This includes extension of Permit Parking on the North side of Sutter between Fillmore, which would require residents to obtain parking stickers for their vehicles to park in the neighborhood to avoid parking citations. She will follow up with this item and an invite to the next meeting.

**B. Public Realm**

As Paul Wermer was unable to attend the meeting, discussion on this item was tabled until the next LUT meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.