

Japantown Peace Plaza Committee
MINUTES
VIA Zoom

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Committee Members Present: Sandy Mori, Glynis Nakahara, Jon Osaki, Richard Hashimoto,

Others Present: Rosalyn Tonai, George Yamasaki, David Ishida, Michael DeGregorio, Masahiro Inoue, Alice Kawahatsu

Staff Present: Steve Nakajo, Brandon Quan, Andy Mo

The meeting was called to order at 5:05p.m.

- **Prop A**
 - The 3 communities, Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino, held a rally at City Hall to help garner support for Prop A.
 - Roughly a little over 1 million dollars have been raised in support.
 - Steve and Sandy were in a meeting where the tone of the meeting implied that it would be a challenge to get the 2/3rd votes to pass.
 - The more publicity we can get the better chance we have.
- **Community Involvement to ensure quality and genuinity**
 - Richard and Sandy are going to try to schedule a meeting after the election to meet with the Interim Director of DPW.
 - Mas stresses that the most important thing is making sure the project accurately depicts Japanese culture.
 - Are we able to request a certain architect that has a background in what we want to accomplish?
 - We must be conscious and articulate with letting them know what we want.
- **Expansion Project**
 - Mid November start date and the project will take about 3 months.
 - Omar Smith is the head of the project and we will be in communication with MTA because we are doing this during the rainy season.
 - Make sure the material is waterproof and installed correctly.
- **General Public Comment**
 - JTF has been trying to use social media as much as possible.
 - Japanese language flyers will be shared soon.
- **Next Meeting**
 - Next Peace Plaza committee meeting will be held on November, 24th via Zoom.

Adjourn: 5:36pm