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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING & PRESERVATION OF JAPANTOWN

JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA COMMITTEE MINUTES

VIA ZOOM 5PM

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Committee Members Present: Jon Osaki, Rich Hashimoto, Sandy Mori, Susie Kagami, David Ishida, Jeremy Chan, Glynis Nakahara

Others Present: Marien Coss, Michael De Gregorio, Mas, Doug Nelson, David Ishida, Alice Kawahatsu, Rosalyn Tonai

Staff Present: Steve Nakajo, Brandon Quan

I. Introductions

II. Update on Design Process (RHAA)

- A. Feb 22nd - this was the first preliminary meeting we had with Steve, Jon, Rich, Brandon and Marien.
- B. March 11th - the core team, (Steve Nakajo, Rich Hashimoto, Brandon, Masa, and Michael) talked about team structure and schedules. We had a good productive meeting discussing various things. We agreed not to start anything on the design until we can get a structural analysis. For example, how big the structure will be and how many pounds can it be.
- C. We cannot make a mistake like the project before us, so we must make sure that this will be a successful project.

III. Updates from Park & Rec (Marien)

- A. We have a core team, RHAA, Edward and Marien. We've had quite a few meetings discussing overlaps(more). We have a pretty solid foundation in terms of the design.
- B. The structural work is not completed and will take several weeks to a month.
- C. I have scheduled our civic design review for the month of May. They are responsible to make sure what we are planning to do is appropriate for the site. The commissioners are made up of landscape architects, architects, and artists.
- D. I've reached to MTA and introduced myself to establish a line of communication.
- E. The next milestone is bringing the information from our studies to this committee. The target for this is the committee meeting for the month of May.

IV. DPW Meeting

- A. We had a meeting with the interim director, Ron (Alameda) and Ed Chen to make sure the department understands the history of this project.
- B. We want them to understand this is not just another project and this is symbolic of our story in Japantown.

V. Japantown Foundation Funds Implementation

- A. Our funding for Peace Plaza comes from the Japantown Foundation to hire a consultant. We are using those funds to hire Michael De Gregorio.
- B. The Peace Plaza funds are separate from the City funds.

VI. Other Business

VII. Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING

Next Ad Hoc committee meeting will be held on May 25th via zoom at 5pm.

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