

JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE
PEACE PLAZA COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, July 21, 2021
5:00 PM

Committee Members: Jon Osaki, Sandy Mori, Doug Nelson, Michael, Glynis Nakahara, Rich hashimoto, Mas

Public Members: Alice Kawahatsu, Beverly Ng, Caryl Ito, Rosalyn Tonai,

Staff: Brandon Quan, Marien Coss

I. Introductions

II. Update from Marien/RPD

A. Core Team

1. The core team would be Mas(RHAA), Doug(RHAA), Mike, Edward (lead designer for Public Works), and Marien.
2. We met for the first time together this last week to define our roles and responsibilities.
3. Mas is the cultural lead.

B. Design (Pagoda Analysis, Plaza Design)

1. The historical consultants have come up with a few schemes that we will be talking to the San Francisco Planning Department with.
2. In September, we will have a clear vision of what that looks like.
3. The structural team for the Plaza will have a meeting with DPI to talk about if we are aligning with the codes.
4. The Landscape team has been working on the materials and weight of the material that makes up the plaza.
5. We are in discussion with MTA about potentially keeping all the utilities and equipment in the garage.
 - a) Alice brings up the security of the garage security as there have been things that have been stolen from the garage before.
6. After the study on the Pagoda, it is determined that some form of reinforcement will be needed.
 - a) The preliminary report shows that there are some mass and shear that need to be

addressed.

C. Schedule

1. We will have a better update on the schedule come September.

D. Budget

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III. Buchanan Mall Update

- A. There is no update on the Buchanan Mall.
- B. Assembly member Ting has designated \$5 million dollars for repairs and upgrades to the Buchanan Mall in the California state budget signed by the governor a few weeks ago.

IV. Community Outreach/Video Projects

- A. At this point we are ready to release a vignette pending approval to thank the co-chairs and general communities for Prop A.
- B. We do have a Peace Plaza website running but we decided to bring in someone younger, Elise Chan, to redecorate the website and make it more functional.
 1. Hopefully in the next few weeks we can incorporate some of her ideas in the website.

V. Timeline for Townhall

- A. Marien says that the Fall would be a good estimate.
 1. However, she believes that the questions that will be asked at the town hall would be difficult to answer.
- B. Marien feels more comfortable reporting in September the things we know and the things we don't know so we can send out a message at that time.

VI. Other Business

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