



## JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA COMMITTEE MINUTES

VIA ZOOM 5PM

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

**Committee Members Present:** Rosalyn Tonai, Alice Kawahatsu, Rich Hashimoto, Jon Osaki, Sandy Mori, Glynis Nakahara, George Yamasaki, Jr.

**Others Present:** Benh Nakajo, Mas Inoue, Emily Nichols, Michael De Gregorio, Lucy Fisher, Beverly Ng, Karen Kai, Satoe Haile, Rodney Chin, David Ishida, Derek Tahara, David Takashima, Adrienne Shiozaki-Woo, Marien Coss, Peter Weber

**Staff Present:** Steve Nakajo, Brandon Quan

### I. Call to Order

- A. We started with quick introductions as we had a few new members attend the meeting.

### II. Update on Design Process (RHAA/Richard)

- A. There is still not much to share as the structural analysis is going on.

### III. Updates from Rec & Park (Marien)

- A. We are at a state where it feels like we are waiting. A lot of the waiting is the extra work being tested and done behind the scenes.
- B. Structural analysis of the Pagoda reviewed that there will need to have work done but exactly what that is yet to be made clear.
- C. We are in the process of landmark status for the Pagoda and Plaza, they have already defined the character defining features of the Pagoda and Plaza.
- D. George Yamasaki brings up a point that the remaining parcel in the Peace Plaza does not have any resemblance to the original. He stresses that the features of the landmark be included and not just the design.
- E. The CDR (Concept Design Review) with the Arts Commission presentation has been postponed to July because we only have one review with them and it's better to have a complete design when the presentation is made.
  1. We are targeting it so that we are early enough with information for them to feel they are a part of the process.

### IV. Community Outreach / Video Projects

- A. Part of the SF Japantown funding is going towards the video documentation of the redesign process.
- B. It will be a videography presentation.
  1. There will be monthly updates to the community by video.
- C. Max Loubet is the contractor working on the project.
  1. He is working on short videos updating the public on the Peace Plaza Project.
  2. It will be shared across social media platforms, Peace Plaza website and JTF website.

3. The first video will be a thank you video to the community for all the support thus far.

**V. Scheduling Follow Up Town Hall**

- A. We should have as much information as possible before scheduling a time so we are confident to the public.
- B. The end of summer sounded like a good idea before but now Marien is not 100% sure but she believes in a month she will have a brighter picture of when the town hall can be scheduled.

**VI. Announcements**

**None**

**VII. Other Business**

**None**

**NEXT MEETING**

Next Ad Hoc committee meeting will be held on **June 22, 2021** via zoom.

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