



CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
NOTES FROM THE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1684 POST STREET

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rosalyn Tonai, Seiko Fujimoto, Judy Hamaguchi, Richard Hashimoto, Glynis Nakahara

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sandy Mori, Shiz Mihara, Merry Nishimura, Patty Wada, George Yamasaki

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Marutani, Coco Tando

The meeting commenced at 12:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

THOUGHTS ABOUT BOB

It was announced that the Hamaguchi family will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the JCCCNC from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Landmarking of Peace Plaza and/or Pagoda

A. REVIEW OF TESTIMONY AT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

Rosalyn reviewed the events that took place at the HPC meeting where the action on the landmarking of the Peace Plaza and Pagoda.

George Yamasaki provided historical information about the Peace Plaza and Pagoda from its construction to the purchase of the Peace Plaza by the City that had the Recreation and Parks Department. He shared a copy of his testimony at the HPC meeting (Attachment A).

Sandy Mori stated that the SF Open Space/Park Renovation Citizens Advisory Committee of the Recreation and Parks Department had designated the Peace Plaza as open space in perpetuity. Research will commence to find the document(s) to confirm the designation.

B. STRATEGY DISCUSSION

Sandy said it was important that the community needs to move forward in reaching out to the leadership of the SF Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and Recreation & Parks Department urging them to provide funding to complete the remediation of the Peace Plaza and preservation of the Pagoda.

C. MOVING FORWARD

it was determined that no recommendation would be made to the JTF Board until the meeting between the HPC and London Breed is scheduled for September 14, 2017 and the results were made known.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 23, 2017 Osaka Matsuri Festival at Peace Plaza 11:00 – 5:00 p.m.

September 23, 2017 Celebration for Bob Hamaguchi at JCCCNC 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

October 7, 2017 Wakamatsu Tea Colony Bus Trip www.nichibei.org/wakamatsu-pilgrimage.

October 22, 2017 “For the Sake of the Children” screening at New People Theater 2:00 p.m.

October 22, 2017 “Growing Up Sansei” at SF Buddhist Church 3:00 p.m.

November 18, 2017 “Hold These Truths” at Cowell Theater, Fort Mason 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.