

Japantown Task Force Cultural Heritage Sustainability Committee (CHSC)  
October 7, 2019  
JACL Building

Attendees: Coco Tando, Jeremy Chan, Judy Hamaguchi, Seiko Fujimoto  
Staff: Lauren Nosaka, Nina Bazan-Sakamoto, Steve Nakajo  
Guests: Karen Kai, Rosalyn Tonai, Sandy Mori

- I. Call to order 6pm  
Meeting called to order by Coco Tando at 6:05pm.
- II. Approval of September 9, 2019 minutes  
No edits. Approval will be moved to next meeting when enough committee members are present to vote.
- III. Update on Cultural District
  - Cultural District team meetings held monthly
  - Staff met with Julia, received more information on how CHHESS would be written. 70% of CHHESS content will include implementation items.
  - Submitted press release about Cultural District and working team. Article sent to Nikkei West, Rafu Shinpo, Bayspo, Nichibei. Emailed to JTF mailing list.
  - Planning for Aki matsuri on October 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-5:00pm. Cultural District mini launch. Will have Cultural District information booth. Invited Mayor Breed
    - Japantown youth art project: JCYC, little friends. Getting youth to envision their future of Japantown. Part workshop/brainstorming, painting after workshops.
  - Planning community town hall meeting: large meeting to go through details of Cultural District project. Mapping out day, briefing everyone on project, have break out session for six initiatives. Sending out marketing materials soon. Town hall held at Issei Memorial Hall November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm
  - Started outreach to community organizations. Appointments scheduled to explain Cultural District project and hear ideas.
  - Working on logo for Japantown Cultural District.
  - Attending workshops run by department to prepare for Cultural District project.
- IV. Report on JCHESS Breakdown
  - Chart was updated after receiving feedback at September CHSC meeting, see attachment.
  - Suggestion was made to include CDC in tenant protection and Cultural Heritage Conservation.
  - A request was made to share a blank chart with Nina, so that it can also be assigned to the LU/T committee to fill on their own.
- V. Discuss CHSC Next Steps
  - Committee reviewed the list of objectives and goals that CHSC discussed when it re-formed in fall 2018 (see list attached).

- Some list items overlap with the work that the Cultural District team will be taking on. To avoid duplicating duties between Cultural District staff and CHSC work, a decision was made for the co-chairs to review this list with Steve Nakajo and Nina Bazan before bringing it back to the next committee meeting.

VI. Other Business

A request was made by a public member to the committee that they recommend to the JTF Board to submit a letter of support for Japanese YWCA's addition to the National Registry of Historic Places.

There was a quorum when this motion was made. The voting was held due to the urgency in the request, as the hearing occurs on November 7, 2019.

It was moved by Jeremy Chan and seconded by Coco Tando to recommend to the JTF Board that JTF submits a letter of support to the State Historical Resources Commission for the Japanese YWCA to be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

A question was asked if there are any downsides for the Japanese YWCA to be on the registry. There will be some restrictions on what the YWCA can do to their building, but Nihonmachi Little Friends know the restrictions and are supporting the addition of the YWCA to the registry.

The motion passed unanimously. No public comments.

VII. Public Comment

- Rosalyn Tonai showed interest in joining the CHSC. A motion to include Rosalyn to the list of CHSC members will be in the December agenda.
- An interested shin-nisei guest will attend the next CHSC meeting.
- Crystal City Pilgrimage October 31-November 2019. Fundraiser on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Tsuru for Solidarity. Trying to create 120,000 cranes delivered to White House for mass protest in May 2020. NJAHS one of the cranes collection site.

VIII. Next Meeting

- November meeting cancelled. Next meeting on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm at the JACL Building.

Meeting adjourned by Coco Tando at 7:25pm