

Japantown Task Force Cultural Heritage Sustainability Committee (CHSC)
September 9, 2019
JACL Building

Attendees: Benh Nakajo, Coco Tando, David Takashima, Jacquelyn Chew, Jeremy Chan, Sandy Mori
Staff: Lauren Nosaka, Nina Bazan-Sakamoto, Steve Nakajo
Guests: Karen Kai, Rosalyn Tonai

- I. This meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Coco Tando.
- II. Approval of August 5, 2019 minutes
 - a. Motion was made by David Takashima and seconded by Jeremy Chan to approve the minutes August 5, 2019 with amendments to the header of the minutes to say Cultural Heritage Sustainability Committee and adding the job matrix as an attachment to the minutes as well.

No public comment.
The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Update on Cultural District by Staff
 - a. Nina Bazan-Sakamoto gave an update about discussions about the vision for the six initiatives as well as outreach concepts.
 - b. The Cultural District staff has been meeting with 3D about the Cultural District Launch that will take place at Aki Matsuri on October 19, 2019. They are also planning the community large meeting on November 14, 2019 from 6-8pm in the Union Bank Community room.
 - c. The Cultural District staff also met with Julia Sabory and the other Cultural Districts about how the CHHESS report should be written. They will meet with Julia on September 18, 2019 to learn more about the template for the report.
 - d. Nina went to Los Angeles to learn more about how communities like Little Tokyo are dealing with displacement, learning more about their strategies such as a community impact fund and also placing arts as a high priority in their cultural hub.
 - e. There was further discussion about roles and responsibilities between consultants, staff and the CHSC members. It was agreed to increase collaboration on unpackaging the JCHESS report for building out the CHHESS document.
- IV. Report on JCHESS Breakdown
 - a. Coco Tando shared summaries of the existing and proposed strategies covered in the JCHESS report as mapped by the committee to the required CHHESS initiatives. Many strategies can be mapped to solving for multiple CHHESS initiatives such as preservation of historic buildings and structures that could be incorporated into cultural heritage conservation and potentially also tenant protections.
 - b. There was also discussion about how to best collaborate with the Land Use Committee within JTF, other Japantowns in California and also other San Francisco Cultural Districts

to further develop the understanding of the types of issues included in the CHHESS document and ways to align for greater support from the city and state.

- c. Public comment:
 - i. There was public discussion about how others interpreted the bucketing of JCHESS strategies to CHHESS initiatives in different ways and how CHHESS initiative descriptions are broad and open for interpretation.
 - ii. Karen Kai recommended having a similar discussion with the Land Use Committee about roles and responsibilities and to intake additional feedback and ideas for Cultural District staff.

- V. Other Business
 - a. None

- VI. Public Comment
 - a. None

- VII. Next Meeting
 - a. October 7, 2019 at 6pm at the JACL building.

The meeting was adjourned by Coco Tando at 7:31pm.