JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA COMMITTEE
MINUTES
UNION BANK COMMUNITY ROOM
22 PEACE PLAZA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Sandy Mori, Glynis Nakahara, Rosalyn Tonai, George Yamasaki, Jon Osaki, Richard Hashimoto

OTHERS PRESENT:
Doug Nelson, Masahiro Inoue, Michael DeGregorio, Karen Kai, Quillan Rusky, Raymond Woo, Adrienne Woo, Alice Kawahatsu,

STAFF PRESENT:
Lauren Nosaka, Nikki Yoshikawa

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

I. DEBRIEF OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT FOCUS GROUP
- Approximately 40 youths and young adults attended the focus group that was held at JCYC on 11/27/18.
- They all had interesting ideas which differed from what Michael has collected thus far
- Most favored the Wave design

II. DEBRIEF OF 2ND CHARRETTE, DISCUSSION OF LATEST DESIGN CONCEPTS, UPDATE ON PARK BOND PLANNING AND NEXT STEPS AND SCHEDULING OF FINAL COMMUNITY MEETING
- Michael summarized the second charrette that was held on December 11, 2018
- The attendees concentrated on the Wave design. Tracing paper that was taped on top of the Wave design refining the design elements resulting from surveys and community meetings
- Michael stated that the Peace Plaza project is ahead of others in the process. Therefore, he is recommending that the third community meeting be scheduled for March 2019, and still provide ample time to present the final project to the RPD commission before the 2019 Parks Bond ballot.
- Michael has submitted a draft report to CEQA which does not require cost estimates.
- Questions were raised by the board for a new timeline, when the project is scheduled to be presented to the RPD Commission, cost estimate and bond process.
- Michael will ask that Toks Ajike attend the next Peace Plaza meeting explaining the bond process.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- Doug Nelson commented that the design should not be delayed so that a cost estimate can be calculated as soon as possible
- Karen stated that the community should understand the process of RPD capital planning.
IV. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is January 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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