COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES
JULY 31, 2011
GROUP 1 OF 2: COMMUNITY LAND TRUST SURVEY
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The Result of Community Input

Q. The Community Land Trust is a tool for 'community ownership' and control of properties that are important to Japantown's culture and heritage. On a scale of 1-5 (5 being most vital), how would you rate the following properties as to how vital they are in maintaining the cultural identity and history of Japantown?

Total: 39 people filled and returned the ballots

	Average Score
A. The Japan Center malls	4.18
B. Buchanan Mall	4.18
C. P ost Street Properties	3.95
D. Other historic buildings	4.21
E. Other (Please list & rate)	3.80

List of Others the Community Feels Important

- NFL Building, Kinmon Gakuen, Pease Plaza and Pagoda, JCCCNC
- Churches, YWCA, YMCA, JCCCNC
- Heritage or important local businesses.
- Pease Plaza, Major churches: SF Buddhist, Konko, Zen, JARF
- Houses of worship
- When-ever property comes up
- Sutter Street buildings
- Kinmon, Nichiren, Kokoro, Benkyodo, Soko Hardwear, Uoki, Historic and cultural buildings of significance, others on Post Street
- Anything that have a tradiional/historical Japanese buseness or organization
- Affordable family, multi-generational housing, cultural associations, crafts

- Sutter Street properties
- JCCCNC, Kokoro, Sokoji, Kimochi, CUPC
- Yasukochi/Mira Market
- JCCCNC, NLF, JACL
- Buddist church, Konko, YMCA, Community services (JACL, etc.)
- JCCCNC
- Japanese American based community organizations institutions e.g. Kimochi, JCYC, JACL, JCCCNC, cultural arts programs, Cherry Blossom Festival, Nihonmachi Terrace
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Comments

- The malls are very important economically and also culturally
- Origami Fountain needs help.
- CLT may be able to help preserve heritage or important local businesses by aiding transition to new owners or managers.
- For any of these properties, the extend to which they are culturally authentic or serve the Japantown community makes a big difference in how important they are
- CLT Committee needs a variety of members with specific skills vital to economic and culturally sensitive community skillful intellectuals in the area of urban development. Please, also people outside of the J-town leadership needed.
- What can CLT do while the owner of property only can apply for the building permit?
- Need to jibe with heritage important buildings on Post Street
- Each property in these several ---- matters more or less
- Small businesses should get special attention. Not all of J-town should be made up of small businesses
- The properties are important – but not all need to be in CLT. Properties threatened by development or with owners not in the community should be priorities for CLT?
- Need to make audience aware to understand about CLT in many areas.
- I think the Japan Center is important for this community, but it has been getting most of visitors and customers. Does the Japan Center need a special help?
- Cultural community should include residential community such as Nihonmachi Terrace, Kokoro, and Kimochi Home.