

January 12, 2022

Dear Wakasa Memorial Committee:

Happy New Year and thank you for your letter dated January 7, 2022. We are pleased that you would like to participate in our planning for the future of the Wakasa Monument and the 80th anniversary ceremony memorializing the tragic killing of Mr. Wakasa.

We're happy to meet with you via Zoom during the week of January 24th. However, with respect to your proposal that the full boards of the Topaz Museum and Wakasa Memorial Committee Executive Committee meet facilitated by a moderator due to the large number of attendees, we reiterate our proposal of December 5, 2021. We propose the initial meetings be limited to three representatives from the Topaz Museum and three representatives from the Wakasa Memorial Committee, in order to be more efficient and less unwieldy.

We have much to discuss, including how best to include a broad cross-section of the Japanese American and stakeholder communities in subsequent planning. An initial meeting of six people will allow us to have a more efficient and informal dialogue. During the week of January 24th, our representatives are available to meet Tuesday January 25th from 5pm PT or on Thursday January 27th from 5 pm PT. Please let us know if those timeframes will work.

Thank you for providing the link to Emiko Omori's video "Painting with Fire" featuring Patrick Hayashi's work. Many of us are familiar with Pat's work and enjoyed watching the short film.

Sincerely,
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