

**MINUTES OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING
BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE RESPONSE TASK FORCE**

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

TASK FORCE MEETING

The Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force convened the monthly meeting in the Southeast Community College, Alex Pitcher Room at 1800 Oakdale, Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco, California, on the above date.

- I. Welcome and Introductions of participants
- II. Agenda review
- III. Review new and pending pollution complaints

The president of the Sunnyvale Tenants Association, Romonica Grayson, and resident, Ruby Markham, complained about the Housing Authorities failure to remedy major household mold issues for two years. This is especially serious as Markham is recovering from cancer. Many residents have asthma, including children. Karen Cohn of SF Department of Public Health offered to help and contact the Housing Authority's lawyers in order to get action.

Dr. Ray Tompkins filed a complaint about radioactive fugitive dust at the Shipyard. The complaint states that the dust leaving the worksite is a serious problem. He did not see any dust suppression system. Tompkins declared that the shipyard needs a new and accurate review. The Air District responded by sending out an inspector, who reported that an invisible coating is used to prevent dust emissions. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the EPA sent out inspectors. The Navy responded via email.

Residents voiced that a meeting with the Navy, UCSC, EPA and community is needed to find out the latest about the controversy over the UCSC report. Bradley Angel of Greenaction announced that a meeting is set for August 25.

- IV. Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ) presentation

Anthony Khalil of LEJ talked about violations that were reported during the recent BVHP Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership Academy held by Greenaction and LEJ. Youth learned how to use the IVAN network. The major issue of concern is illegal trash. Khalil showed a slideshow with pictures of illegal dumping. Youth want to see action. They are also interested in career pathways.

Fake cameras were installed at one site. A gate and real cameras are going to be installed. Karen Cohn of SF Department of Public Health mentioned a public service announcement.

Leaotis Martin further discussed the leadership academy.

- V. Strategy session: Task Force goals and how to engage the community

The list of goals developed at the meeting include:

- Increase community participation and engagement, including business participation
- Engage with schools

- Hold a job/career day or night that is sponsored by the Task Force
- Improve response time to complaints
- Expand the geographic scope

Kristen McKinley of the California Air Resource Board suggested each agency writes down their jurisdiction to help inform possible actions.

Kim Tilton asked if there could be an environmental camp. Cohn mentioned that she is working on this kind of project.

Cohn stated that agency boards are one way to address issues.

Marie Harrison of Greenaction would like to hear from agencies what they can do to increase participation from community and businesses. She stated that agencies need to spread the word about IVAN and the meetings. Khalil urged that representatives from leadership, including the mayor's office, need to come.

One suggestion was that the IVAN website more clearly state meeting dates, what agencies will be in attendance, and what agencies can do. It was also suggested that the Greenaction website have in-depth information about the Task Force.

VI. Next steps and announcements

Aug 23, 2-4pm: California Air Resources Board Oakland workshop on Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs)

Sept 12, 5pm, City Hall rm 421: Commission of Environment special session on illegal dumping

Sept 20, 9:30am-3pm: Air District and Bay Area Environmental Health Collaborative Cumulative Impact Forum

Oct 8, Southeast Community College: Annual health fair

The next meeting is September 15, 2016, 6-8pm