

Bayview Hunters Point Taskforce Meeting
March 20th, 2019
Radio Africa Kitchen
4800 3rd Street, San Francisco, CA 94124
2:00-4:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions (Anthony & Dalila)

- Thank you to Eskinder for opening up the space for the Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) Task Force Meeting.

Community Announcements

- Shirley Moore – Bayview Neighborhood Association – Garage Interest, Ingersoll Neighborhood. Meeting @ St. Paul of Shipwreck 3rd and Jennings. Concerns around respiratory issues.
- Joni – Potrero Hill Neighborhood Association - SF Climate Declaration end of February. Going before full Board declaring Climate Emergency. Green Dreams – Panel Discussion April 2nd.
- Lara – LEJ - 3/30 Free Kayaking Event 9:30-12:00 with BBQ at Candlestick Park. Shirley will look for a Company to donate wetsuits to LEJ.
- Youth (Ages 15-19) Summer Internship Program. Contact Dalila & Lara or Anthony

IVAN Complaints

Dalila reviewed several IVAN complaints received within last month and provided status/updates as appropriate. Reported complaints included Illegal Dumping; Street Garbage; Nasty Smells, and Sewer Rats. Information provided on how to submit IVAN Complaint via mobile phone or online.

Bayview Community-Based Transportation, presented by Chris of Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA)

Chris handed out a multi-page packet of notes for the presentation.

Chris says:

- Too many studies, not enough actual commitment to this community
- 1/2 million for projects this summer`` - like street walks, crosswalks
- \$600,000 Lifeline grant
 - program for improving transit
 - MTA doing a participatory planning project where Bayview residents involved in planning
- 5 year investment plan

Leaotis:

- people in community need jobs that will last
- when T train first started, you saw lots of black folks working on the train
- Now, we've been whittled away, it's just Hispanic folks. We have people that have brilliant brains here in Bayview.

Chris:

- some of our project will (employ people of Bayview?)
- We want to use this plan to elevate/help issues, and bring issues (of BV?) to the larger city

Leaotis:

- You need to talk to people at Union Halls.

Chris:

- BMagic, HP Family, El Centro, CYEC - all are partners of MTA with this project. Want to come up with way to work (with community?)
- MTA did 14 interviews with elders and community leaders; determined 4 rules for MTA's work:
 - Trust & Transparency
 - Accountability
 - Preserving voice of community in what we do
 - Full coordination from city - because there are lots of agencies (like PUC, DPW)
- MTA hasn't had best track record in this community
- MTA present at Sunday Streets, Black Cuisine Festival
- Safety going places, safety on transit - some of the most crucial needs of BV, based on MTA surveys with people. MTA took lots of data (see packet Chris handed out for this data and more details).

Michelle:

- Is there any way we can have a permanent T bus?

Chris:

- (I hear you / you're not alone in wanting a permanent T bus.) That interest is represented at City Hall.
- The 15 bus went away 10 years ago.
- **Participatory budgeting** sign-up sheet: community creates projects, anyone living in 94124 can vote in June 2019. (See packet Chris handed out for more details.) Every group will have a city rep who will help with the project. This is the funding source we have that can directly help the community.
- Sign up to be a "Project Champion" at <httpbit.ly/BayviewProjectChampions>
- MTA will help projects scale scope of work
- "Community input determines final map" (words printed on "Prioritizing Investment" page in Chris' packet)
- Help us calibrate how we (know) who is vulnerable in this community

Shirley Moore:

- This is great info. Should share with community. Seniors in this community should know about this; people who want jobs.

- A lot of streets in BV where sidewalks don't connect. Sidewalk safety. Small project budget should focus on this. Wheelchair accessibility also. Lots of seniors in community who live alone, need to travel from 3rd street to homes in evening. Incentive for seniors to get out, be healthy, remain vibrant, live alone longer.

Chris:

- (MTA)'s been working with Safe Passage in the TL, and build up program in BV organically, with community organizations of BV, in a way that is not policing.
- Our project is primarily infrastructure.
- Also working on improving street lighting.

Shirley Moore:

- Lighting in this community: there's a void there.

Michelle:

- Rafiki and LEJ (Literacy for Environmental Justice) sidewalks = broken or nonexistent. (These are) places that service youth and people with disabilities. (This is) absolutely limiting to (us getting services). (These are) legacy organizations in this neighborhood.

Chris:

- What I call the "universe of need" within this community. When we come back with a list of projects, people (can/will) tell us what we did wrong, what we did right - before the final implementation of projects next February.
- Tomorrow: MTA holding youth summit on transportation and careers in transportation. at SECF. Youth can also develop ideas.

Anthony:

- Audio-visual component to Chris' presentation, lots of info, effective.

Community member:

- We only have one week to do this (Project Champion proposal). Please tell us about the Project Champion project earlier.

Shirley:

- What outreach have you done to children/local schools?

Chris:

- We've shared this with school partners and BMagic (sp?) and the Board.

Ana Mascareñas, Assistant Director for Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs at Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC),

- Structures in government have led to unequal ways
- >109 federally-recognized tribes in CA
- (Ana's work involves) tribal nations and sovereignty
- 2 days ago, (Ana) became in charge of public participation team @ DTSC
- Structural changes of DTSC. How we're trying to address racial inequalities in government.
- Hazardous waste facilities and permits.
- 3 hazardous waste landfills across CA: Buttonwillow, Westmoreland, San Joaquin.

- How do better protect communities when making decisions about hazardous waste facilities?
Like 10-year permits.
- DTSC = one of state agencies involved in cleanup and shipyard. Has state role in that oversight. Federal role (in cleanup at shipyard?) = EPA.

Michelle:

- There are brownfields that you guys are not monitoring. Superfund sites aren't the only (danger). Didn't see DTSC at 4(?) meetings about (brownfield sites?).

Leaotis:

- What is DTSC's main job?

Ana Mascareñas:

- To protect people from toxic substances.

Leaotis:

- The people aren't coming first, the companies are.

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Ana Mascareñas:

- Have been working with community-based organizations in Kettleman City - 2016 Kettleman Settlement Agreement.
- Title VI and CA Civil Rights, Language Access (see packet Ana handed out for more information).
 - if people feel their rights have been violated, they let us know and we try to change it. At every public meeting in the future, we'll have resources if people think rights have been violated.
- Whenever there's info shared with a community, we (make sure) we first see what languages are spoken, before (making communications with the community). Government Alliance on Race & Equity - within government, we're (trying to address race-related problems).

Javier:

- Who here working for the government has participated in a GARE training? *4 people raise hands*

Bonnie Holmes (sp?), Senior Environmental Scientist with DTSC:

- Goal of regulations: incorporate EJ into permitting process.
- First in country to do this (the DTSC of CA?)
- We want people to understand our permitting process.
- SB673: requirements for us to strengthen our permitting process. Requires department to look at facilities' repeat violations.
- Look at cumulative impacts, multiple issues.

Leaotis:

- Accountability. We need stringency. Tighten up on the grip. We need enforcement.

Bonnie:

- This is a statewide regulation. We have 8 or 9 facilities in this area. Facilities that generate hazardous waste, and facilities that take / treat / transfer / dispose / recycle (?) that waste.

Anthony:

- We have 300 of those sites in our 2 miles (of BVHP?)

Michelle:

- What percentage of affluent communities have hazardous waste facilities?

Ana:

- Map on DTSC (?) website has that info.

Bonnie:

- We're envisioning a process where we identify vulnerabilities (in relation to facilities and communities)
- We've devised a framework to put these facilities on a pathway to (be less harmful)
- Community outreach. Taking comments/community (feedback). We're looking at how our framework will be connected to (permit denial).
- Holding workshops and workgroups around the state.
- Time for community input, stakeholder input.

Bradley:

- We want to see DTSC's staff that looked the other way for years (at the Taskforce meetings?). That's why we really appreciate you coming. These policies were supposed to be in place a year ago. Not them—(the presenters?)—but their bosses—didn't do it. If they (DTSC bosses?) considered this stuff, party's over for rich communities.
- Low income/POC = living on top of waste.
- Some of (DTSC?) coworkers actively engaged in allowing that.

Michelle:

- You guys are in these rooms getting fussed at constantly. You need to express that (to bosses?)
- (It shouldn't be Bonnie and Ana getting beat up talking to their bosses,) it (should be?) us (community) talking to the bosses (directly). That's environmental justice. What (people) know is right next to them. You can't do the job you need to do unless you bring us (into the negotiations). Work backwards. Phase 3 should be Phase 1. Reconsider how you guys are engaging us.

Community member:

- I've coughed all night because of _____. (pollutant in BV?)

Ana:

- We're listening. We're going to take that back. That's our intention. To have community going first.

Anthony:

- Perhaps we can connect with Abraham. / Get you back here next time / Build momentum?

Jaques Talafarrel (sp?):

- (Writes for Bayview newspaper, runs LaHitz television)
- Writing for paper for 20 years. Did campaign on illegal dumping in BV. Importance of black-owned companies. Hire black people. We're not getting hired, (we're) getting pushed out. Especially government = not hiring us. Senior members of health department = getting pushed out. Not hiring young black members.
- (Importance of) black farmers. (Black farmers) had to sue federal government. Only 1% of commercial farmland (in U.S.?) = owned by black people. 880 million = the suit (?). That's nothing!

Leaotis:

- When I take interns here and show them (around the Bayview), and tell them about how I used to play at the shipyard, I tell them we're at ground zero. This is ground zero. So when it comes time to vote...you won't sell out, you'll remember (what you learned here).

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Abraham:

- DTSC has a citizen science project.

Next meeting: April 17th, SE College.