

AGENDA

East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting #14

Date & Time: Thursday, November 9th, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT

Virtual Facilitators: Aiyahanna Johnson, Mr. Charles Reed, Mykela Patton, CSC Co-Chairs

Note-taker: Angie Fike, Just Cities (JC)

Co-Chairs: Aiyahanna Johnson, Mr. Charles Reed, and Mykela Patton

Co-Leads:

CBE: Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)

Air District: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98574358053>

Website with Meeting Materials and Meeting Video Recording:

<https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health-protection-program/east-oakland-community-emissions-reduction-plan>

Meeting Objectives:

- The CSC hears an overview of:
 - **Where we have been** (Technical highlights & what we have heard from the CSC)
 - **Where we are now** (Community Mapping Presentation)
 - **Where we are going** (Clear next steps for Strategy Development)
- Attendees participate in an exercise that allows them to share what resonates with them and builds confidence for both the Co-leads and the CSC that we are moving towards shared Focus Areas and Strategy Development.
- The CSC leaves the meeting confident that the Co-leads have incorporated their lived experiences, while grounded in the technical information.

Time	Topic
6:04 PM	Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and Interpretation• Initial Meeting Agreements
6:12 PM	Where have we been? Community Voices and Technical Highlights
6:19 PM	Where are we now? East Oakland Community Mapping Results
7:16 PM	Break
7:19 PM	Where are we going? Discussion and Next Steps
7:57 PM	East Oakland Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates
7:59 PM	Next Steps and Close Out

MEETING NOTES

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Time	Topic	Transcribed Meeting Minutes/Summary
6:04 PM	Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (8 mins; 6:04-6:12 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation (2 mins) • Welcome (1 min) • Agenda (2 mins) • Initial Meeting Agreements (1 mins) • Community Building (1 min) • CERP Timeline (1 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee Members Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aiyahnna Johnson ○ Andrea Pineda ○ Andria Blackmon ○ Carol Corr ○ Mr. Charles Reed ○ Cynthia Gutierrez ○ Danny Scott ○ Erica Pascual ○ Gabrielle Sloane-Law ○ Jamie Schecter ○ Khalilha Haynes ○ Tram Nguyen ○ Marina Muñoz ○ Merika Goolsby ○ Ms. Cecilia Cunningham ○ Mykela Patton ○ Shamar Theus ○ Susan Goolsby ○ William Crotinger ○ Colleen Liang • Mykela Patton, CSC Co-Chair, facilitated the welcome. Aiyahnna Johnson, CSC Co-chair, shared the meeting objectives. Mr. Charles Reed, CSC Co-Chair, facilitated the agenda walkthrough. Carly Cabral (CBE) shared meeting agreements and encouraged both CSC members and members of the public to include their name, pronouns, and affiliated organizations in the Zoom chat, as well as to use the chat as a space to ask questions and respond to slides. Aiyahnna Johnson, CSC Co-Chair, then encouraged CSC members and community members to introduce themselves in the Zoom chat with their names, pronouns, and organization. CSC members introduced themselves via chat.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alesia Hsiao (AD) walked through the CERP Timeline and the current stage of the CERP process, which is focused on planning goals, iterative development, writing additional Plan elements, and ongoing strategy development.
6:12 PM	Where have we been? Community Voices and Technical Highlights (7 mins; 6:12 - 6:19 PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Kirk (AD) gave an overview of the CSC's work over the past nine months, with a timeline showing the progress of spring, summer, and fall months. Tasks are differentiated (indicated by green and light green- see slides) between points of direct CSC and community input, and BAAQMD's Co-Leads and agency departments sharing technical input. <p>Community Voices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CSC has previously adopted <u>Vision and Principles</u>, with documented themes including accountability, community, equity, environmental justice, flexibility, health, and transparency. <u>The Community Boundary</u> included a Google Map exercise where people identified community assets and sites of pollution. For the <u>Community Profile</u>, the CSC answered the questions: What are you most proud of in your community? What is most helpful to know about your community? For <u>Goals Discussion</u>, people shared that it was important to get funding for community projects, address urgent pollution, and more. <p>Highlights Health Inequities in East Oakland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim Ryan (CBE) recapped Alameda County Public Health Department's highlights on technical details in health inequities in East Oakland. She also shared highlights from the Emissions inventory, which provides useful information on where pollutants come from.

<p>6:19 PM</p>	<p>Where are we now? East Oakland Community Mapping Results (57 mins; 6:19 - 7:16 PM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aneesh Rana (AD) introduced the Community Mapping Project and its goals. He gave an overview of the East Oakland Community Mapping grant program, which funded organizations to conduct outreach on collecting community input on air pollution and related concerns. ● The four grant recipients, East Oakland Collective, Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corporation, Lifers Leaving a Legacy, RECESS FUN, INC., share an overview of their outreach work, highlight projects, and usage of community mapping grants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susan Silber from <u>East Oakland Collective</u> shared about their work around creating a community resilience hub; conducted a focus group with older adults, among other activities. ○ Amber Blackwell from <u>Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corporation</u>: Interviewed youth afterschool program students and families and attended community events. They shared some concerns that the community has, including trash, pollution around homeless encampments, diminishing places of gathering. ○ Mr. Charles Reed from <u>Lifers Leaving a Legacy</u>: Investigated problems around trash and mold as emissions. Collected signatures and reached out to groups, which included door-knocking. Held an Environmental Justice Movement Block Party, where they handed out air monitor kits, among other activities. ○ Njeri McGee-Tyner with <u>RECESS FUN Inc.</u>: Worked with paid high schoolers, educated youth and families, connecting programs to EJ school lessons. People are concerned about lack of action in adverse spaces and vulnerable elderly populations. ● After grant presentations, a CSC member asked if it was possible to add to the map after receiving results. Aneesh responded that the map is closed at this point, but if there is information that members want to add, it can be sent to AD members for inclusion in the data. ● A CSC member said that many people are unfamiliar with the technology used for mapping. They said they would have preferred to have a paper map, and also to have more time to complete the project. Aneesh thanked her for the feedback and mentioned that they had extended the timeline and also began accepting information via paper later in the project, but that he would take these comments into the next deployment of the project. ● A CSC member mentioned that many people — not just Oaklanders — illegally dump trash in East Oakland.
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7:16 PM	Break (2 mins; 7:16 - 7:18 PM)	

<p>7:19 PM</p>	<p>Where are we going? Discussion and Next Steps (38 min; 7:19 - 7:57 PM)</p> <p><i>Note: These notes are from the main room discussion. Notes from the breakout rooms can be found on the Jamboard here.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alison and Kim introduced the activity and shared questions for breakout rooms, which included a) What did you learn from the community mapping presentation?; b) In thinking about the themes that were presented, what themes resonate with you?; and c) What are important community issues that are not represented by the themes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A participant said that prompting participants to think about pollution helped them think about experience. A CSC member agreed and responded that there needs to be much further outreach for education and steps to take in order to take action. ○ A CSC member said that having more environmentally educated citizens will inspire people to take action and go to city council meetings. ○ A CSC member spoke about the need to reach out and make partnerships. A participant said that having mini-grants helped, but that we need more grants not just focused on problems but also on solutions. They brought up the idea of a public/private fund environmental solutions. ○ A CSC member said that we need to get the media involved to expose the health effects of pollution in East Oakland, especially on babies and seniors. ○ Another CSC member said that trash and pollutants all over the neighborhood cultivate a sense of neglect. ● All participants returned to the main room. A member of each breakout room shared a few words on main themes discussed in breakout rooms. ● Kim Ryan (CBE) shared planned next steps towards strategy development. She mentioned that the Co-Leads will combine community mapping with other information (including Facility Focus List) in order to identify major overarching themes. Co-leads will work on this between now and December. Draft strategies will be pulled together, where review will include reaching out to different organizations to incorporate feedback, and then CSC will select strategies to be included in CERP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CSC member mentioned that community members should be more included in the entire strategy development process. Alison clarified that the strategy development process will be conducted in collaboration with the CSC, where the Co-Leads would be conducting background work necessary to bring the conversation to the CSC. ● While concluding, Kim asked the CSC members what they need to prepare for the next stage in the CERP development.
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7:57	East Oakland EJ Announcements and Updates <i>(2 mins; 7:57 - 7:59 PM)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The following individuals shared announcements, detailed further in the EJ Announcements and Updates document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carly Cabral on Youth Member Recruitment.
7:59	Next Steps and Closing	<p>Co-Chair Mr. Charles thanked participants for attending.</p> <p>Next CSC meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14th, 2023 from 6 - 8 pm via Zoom.</p>