

West Oakland Community Action Plan Steering Committee Meeting #19

Wednesday, January 15, 2019 | 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm
West Oakland Senior Center

Meeting Summary

1. **Welcome** (Brian Beveridge, WOEIP). Brian welcomed attendees and shared meeting goals, which included continuing sub-committee discussions, and signing updated working agreements for steering committee and sub-committee members.
2. **Introduction to Sub-committee Discussions** (Alison Kirk, BAAQMD). Alison shared that the co-leads revised their proposed structure for the implementation period in response to the comments received from the Steering Committee and members of the public.
 - a. Steering Committee and subcommittees:
 - i. Will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month in 2020
 - ii. General business meeting first followed by two sub-committee sessions, with two sub-committees meeting during each session.
 - iii. Meetings will focus on implementation of “partner strategies” — the strategies in the plan that need to be implemented through collaboration with agencies other than CARB or BAAQMD, which are already committed to implementation and enforcement. Some strategies will require multi-jurisdiction and multi-entity efforts.
 - iv. Subcommittees will be chaired by two people -- one agency representative and one community member from a Steering Committee group. Co-chairs will lead discussion and report back to the larger group. CARB staff will support the subcommittees with note taking.
 - v. The former “*Transportation*” sub-committee is now the “*Transit, Walk and Bike*” sub-committee.
 - b. Alison next shared implementation criteria to keep at the forefront of the process and discussion: (1) equity at the center (2) the impacts of a measure vary based on the neighborhood (3) reduce emissions and exposures to improve health outcomes and (4) explore all funding options or alternatives.
 - i. After explaining the upcoming working group sessions and the accompanying handout, Alison encouraged participants to think about the strategies they are excited to work on and begin thinking about how to apply the criteria, gather resources, etc.
3. **Participation Agreement for Steering Committee Members** (Azibuik Akaba, BAAQMD). Azibuik announced the official conclusion of the Steering Committee for Plan Development. To join the new Steering Committee for Plan Implementation members must sign the new *Participation Agreement*. Azibuik described the content of the agreement, which includes historical context, conduct expectations, and a description of the committee roles.
 - a. Steering Committee will make all final decisions by consensus.
 - b. Sub-committees will each work on a group of the 89 strategies, analyze data, and report back to the Steering committee. Sub-committee membership is open to the

public; people who are not Steering Committee members may be members of a sub-committee.

- c. Azibuike emphasized the need to express all opinions and voices; actively participate and have meaningful engagement.
- d. Q&A
 - i. Alex McBride (City of Oakland) asked about the process to join the Steering Committee.
 - ii. Brian Beveridge (WOEIP) shared that the primary requirement for membership is current residence, or work, or business within West Oakland, or agency with jurisdiction in the plan area.
 - iii. Azibuike reiterated the roles and responsibilities summarized on pg. 5 of the *Participation Agreement*.

4. **Session One & Session Two: Subcommittee Discussion of Select Strategies**

- a. Session One:
 - i. Front room: Transit, Bike, Walk Subcommittee
 - ii. Back Room: Land Use Subcommittee
- b. Session Two
 - i. Front Room: Port & Freight Subcommittee
 - ii. Back Room: Health Protection & Living Buffers Subcommittee

5. **Subcommittee Report Back**

- a. **Land Use Subcommittee.** Discussion touched on the committee's scope of work over the next few months, including the need to determine metrics of success, and conducting a survey of area businesses to identify absentee owners and unpredictable land uses. The committee also discussed:
 - i. Mapping the locations of vulnerable populations and touring areas impacted by poor air quality.
 - ii. Creating an equity checklist to identify priority areas for productive land use, low cost housing, and business development,
- b. **Transit, Walk & Bike Subcommittee.** Took a deep dive into two actions, focusing on the need to understand the background and intentions.
 - i. Discussion re expanding car-share for low-income individuals. Need to understand who we are serving, the impacts on West Oakland residents and consider the needs of other types of populations, specifically, for instance, the elderly or undocumented immigrants.
 - ii. Discussion re bike and pedestrian plan implementation. Closing roads near schools may lead to accessibility issues for some
- c. **Health Protection & Living Buffers Subcommittee.** Discussed health programs adopted by local governments, including the City of Oakland and the City of Richmond, that can be used as references, and the need to collaborate with Alameda County Public Health Department.
 - i. Need to protect rent-controlled spaces in gentrifying areas, maintain bio-filters, and address issues with building maintenance.
 - ii. Discussed youth participation to fill labor resource gaps.
- d. **Port & Freight Subcommittee.** Discussion centered on the need for more background information and to clarify the different intentions of each action
 - i. Discussion on limiting hours for truck operations. Need more clarifying information and institutional knowledge; want to avoid land use conflicts.
 - ii. To establish permanent locations for truck use, will have to address a current challenge for truckers -- short term leasing.

6. **Wrap-up + Next steps** (Azibuike Akaba, BAAQMD). Azibuike requested feedback from attendees about their experience in the sub-committee break-outs. Attendees mentioned that there is a lot of work with and little time and the need for stronger and more fruitful discussions at the sub-committee level. Azuibuike also asked first-time attendees to share their experience. Responses included (a) the need to review the strategies and clarify any jargon to make sure it can be understood (b) requests for more meeting time and a roadmap of what we're trying to accomplish; and (a) a suggestion for community tours to enable people to see the areas that the strategies will impact.
 - a. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 -- Presentation on findings from the East Bay Diesel Exposure Project.

7. **Adjourn.**

