

West Oakland Community Action Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #14
Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm
West Oakland Senior Center
1724 Adeline Street Oakland, CA 94607

Meeting Summary

1. **Welcome** (Anuja Mendiratta, Facilitator). Anuja welcomed attendees and shared meeting objectives and guidelines.
2. **Accomplishments to Date** (Brian Beveridge, WOEIP). Brian thanked Steering Committee for their dedication to this process and for allowing the co-leads to finalize and release the Draft Plan. Brian also acknowledged the co-leads' herculean efforts to complete the Draft Plan.
3. **Youth Perspectives on the Draft Plan** (Michelle Arango, New Voices are Rising). Jhamere Howard (WOEIP) introduced the presenter; the youth have participated in this process since the outset and are now sharing their comments on the Draft Plan with the full group. Michelle described the process as having pros and cons. She then described New Voices' comments on eight strategies.
 - a. New Voices youth particularly liked **strategy 10**, which calls for creating a comprehensive area-wide urban tree canopy. They commented that the task of increasing and maintaining the urban tree canopy can be carried out by young people, e.g., for school credit, an effective way to ensure they care about their environment and community.
 - b. New Voices suggested several ways to strengthen strategies, and commented that incentives and new infrastructure should benefit community members. They also wondered why some common-sense strategies hadn't already been adopted.
4. **Update on Draft Plan Comment Period + Solicit Additional SC Comments** (Brian Beveridge, WOEIP & Alison Kirk, BAAQMD). Brian described the Draft Plan comment period process. Members of the public have several options for submitting feedback by letter, email or on Open Air Forum. Brian encouraged all suggestions for improvement including ways to make the process more accessible. Alison shared that the co-leads received roughly 20 thoughtful comments to date, including requests to clarify technical aspects, and encouraged additional comments.
 - a. Steering Committee members discussed the Open Air Forum tool, the New Voices presentation, and barriers to Plan implementation. Brian mentioned that Draft Plan represents the West Oakland community's voice and provides a powerful tool for working with cities and agencies to make positive change in West Oakland.
 - b. A UC Berkeley student offered to share materials with the co-leads that might help them make the Draft Plan more accessible.
5. **Additional Comments on the Plan** (Luz Gomez, BAAQMD) Luz unveiled a new tool for collecting comments from community members, a comment card. She asked Steering Committee members to

review the draft comment card and suggest ways to strengthen and improve it. Steering Committee members offered a few additional suggestions for how the process could have been improved.

6. **Planning Session for Town Hall Meeting** (August 17, 2019) (Brian Beveridge, WOEIP and Luz Gomez, BAAQMD). Brian shared the co-leads' objectives for the town hall meeting and the draft agenda. Luz solicited feedback on the agenda and volunteers to play specific roles. Steering Committee members volunteered for roles, including a panel of Steering Committee members, and suggested many ways to modify and improve the draft agenda.
7. **Wrap-up + Next steps** (Luz Gomez, BAAQMD).
 - a. August 17: West Oakland Town Hall Meeting
 - b. August 31: Open community forum with Danny Glover regarding keeping the A's in East Oakland
 - c. September: NO SC MEETING
 - d. October 2: Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board Meeting (RSVP today to attend)
 - e. October 9: Celebration!! Special Steering Committee meeting with CARB
 - f. November 6: Visioning for next year and implementation
 - g. December: CARB Board Meeting in West Oakland
8. **Adjourn.**