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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 3, 2021

This meeting was conducted under procedures authorized by executive order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Members of the Committee participated by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) Co-Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Co-Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue; and Directors John Bauters, Rich Constantine, Carole Groom, Brad Wagenknecht, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Vice Chairperson Nate Miley; Directors John Gioia, and Shamann Walton.

Also Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Wagenknecht made a motion, seconded by Director Groom, to **approve** the Minutes of May 6, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Constantine, Groom, Hurt, Jue, Wagenknecht.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gioia, Miley, Walton, Wilson.

3. COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR HURT AND CO-CHAIR JUE WILL REPORT BACK ON COMMUNITY CONVENING SESSION HELD ON MAY 26, 2021

The Committee then heard a report from the Committee Co-Chairperson, Tyrone Jue, regarding the Community Convening Session that was held on May 26, 2021. Attendees included the Committee Co-Chairs, Air District staff, and community advocates from various Bay Area communities. The proposed formation and seating of the Air District’s Community Advisory Council (CAC) was primarily discussed, and the next Community Convening session will take place on June 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, introduced Menlo Park City Council Member, Cecilia T. Taylor, who gave a presentation on traffic and associated air monitoring initiatives in the neighborhood of Belle Haven.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; and LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Wilson was noted present at 10:04 a.m.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed impacts to residential and commercial development built within transportation corridors; the boundaries of District 1 of the City of Menlo Park; whether Menlo Park residents have been engaged in air monitoring initiatives; and resources that the Air District can provide to the City of Menlo Park.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. Eady gave the staff presentation *Update on Community Engagement Grant Program*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; background; current community engagement grant programs; 2021 grant program evaluation; proposed path forward; eligible activities; proposed timeline; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Quyen Vuong, International Children Assistance Network; Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; Y'Anad Burrell, Richmond resident; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Lil Milagro Henriquez, Mycelium Youth Network; Vanessa Talania, Breathe California; Domonique Brooks, Rodeo resident; Pam Jones, Menlo Park resident; and Lonnie Mason, Bayview Hunters Point resident.

Committee Comments

The Board and staff discussed whether the Air District has a formal evaluation process for the program, and whether that process includes feedback from the community; the structure of the proposed multi-year grants; the concern that some applicants do not know about this program; concerns regarding why certain applicants are chosen over others; the need for improved assistance by Air District staff for program applicants; the request that the Board members be sent program applications to circulate within their jurisdictions; public webinars on how to apply for the program; and the suggestion of creating a list of interested potential applicants to whom reminders may be sent when program funding cycles are about to close.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. DISCUSSION ON ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY NOMINATION PROCESS

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, gave the staff presentation *Discussion on AB 617 Program and Community Nomination Process*, including: outcome; requested action; outline; renaming of AB 617 program; program overview; a community-centered program; overall program; Bay Area Communities (West Oakland, Richmond/North Richmond/San Pablo, East Oakland examples); preliminary program costs; community engagement and nomination; and next steps.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; and LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed ways in which the Air District will work to develop communities that are not selected to be future recipients of AB 617 funding; the Air District’s recommendation that East Oakland becomes the next recipient of AB 617 funding; and how much money the Air District spends to understand the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ms. Eady and Co-Chairs Hurt and Jue gave the presentation *Discussion on the Development of the CAC*, including: outcome; outline; community outreach and engagement; Board of Directors’ input and next steps; Board of Directors’ Proposed CAC; and timeline for appointment.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Andres Soto, Communities for a Better Environment (CBE); Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how many of the proposed 13 CAC seats should be allocated to North Bay communities; whether “East Contra Costa County” includes the Tri Valley; concerns for lack of equitable distribution of seats, and whether impacts on a community should outweigh its geographic location; the need for youth on the CAC; and the status of Air District-sponsored legislation to change the composition of the Board and to designate seats for public (non-elected official) members.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Andres Soto, CBE; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Lonnie Mason, Bayview Hunters Point resident; Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; and Tyler Earl, CBE.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hirtzka

Marcy Hirtzka
Clerk of the Boards