

Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force

Part of the IVAN (Identifying Violations Affecting Neighborhoods) Network

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Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

The Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force convened the monthly meeting via Zoom Conference Call. Facilitated by Dalila Adofo and Anthony Khalil of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice. Minutes taken by Sheridan Noelani Enomoto of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice.

MINUTES

Via Zoom Conference Call

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2:00 PM

Meeting scheduled to begin.

2:06 PM

Dalila Adofo and Anthony Khalil:

Welcome, Attendance and Roll Call, Review of Chat Instructions, Talking Prompt- Introduce yourself and share one negative and one positive regarding the shelter in place mandate for COVID-19.

2:21 PM

Dalila Adofo and Anthony Khalil:

Review of Agenda, Meeting Protocol/Instructions for Conferencing via Zoom:

Please mute your phone while on Zoom when you are not speaking-cuts back on background noise- participants on screen please raise your hand, for reactions use the

applause and thumbs up features. Please make sure “everyone” is selected when using the chat feature.

Participants calling in via the phone, after each segment, we will un-mute their phone to give everyone an opportunity to share.

2:27 PM

Community Announcements/Concerns:

Dr. Ray Tompkins via phone:

Reporting on virus and especially in BVHP, asthma is on the rise over the years, the virus attacks the lungs, uses a large amount of oxygen, we don't see any response from the Mayor or Governor about our morbidity and mortality rate in relation to the virus. How many of us have been tested? The news media has been diverting the question. I am asking Greenaction to take action with the media. In BVHP, how many of us are dying here and how many of us are being tested?

Dalila Adofo:

Greenaction is discussing this and is interested in trying to get numbers-opening up this question for the agencies on this call. Anything we can give to the residents on the call today?

Morgan from EPA:

I do not have additional information, I understand where your concerns are coming from.

Dr. Ray:

Could you be the liaison and get this information to Greenaction?

Morgan from EPA:

Yes, I can take this back to our EJ program to see what information available.

Dr. Ray via phone:

Could you also ask the Mayor? What are the percentages for the African American community here in SF? Also with at-risk communities?

Morgan from EPA:

Thank you for highlighting this, I will bring this issue to other members of our agency and provide information.

Dalila Adofo:

Greenaction can report back. Is DPH on the call? Sheridan, Greenaction needs to check in with DPH.

Dr. Ray via phone:

<https://data.sfgov.org/stories/s/fjki-2fab>

Rebecca on Chat:

@Dr Ray, Dalila and Sheridan, have you spoken w journalists on this ? I've seen the racial disparity concerns addressed in national broadcasts (CNN or MSNBC), but not local journalism.

Sheridan (Greenaction) on Chat:

@Rebecca Yes, we are aware of the disparities and the media has not contacted us yet but Greenaction will be addressing the issues Dr. Ray mentioned.

Leaotis Martin via phone:

No announcements but I have concerns- my biggest concern, a lot of people are out still working, we need to still do outreach, people are dying...

Dr. Ray via phone:

African Americans, we are more susceptible to this virus and we need to protect our lives, our fight will be after this virus calms down, they are shooting bullets in South Africa to break up groups, we need to put pressure, we need our people to be tested, we need to get the word out through telephone, I don't want to take a (community) handout from anyone. I want to see you next year. This is a serious, serious disease. We need to be thinking men and women, if we don't we will be gone. We need to get more creative right on how to get the word out. I want to keep everyone safe and alive.

Dalila Adofo:

I have asthma myself. It's definitely hard to not be out in community. I am going try to get the data.

Sabrina on Chat:

@Dalila just wanted people to know if they need jobs even 16 year olds. FOODS CO and RESTAURANT DEPOT is hiring over here in Bayview

Renay via phone:

BVHP has a tiny community and we are essential. Greenaction is here, Mothers and Fathers are here, we can let them know come May and June we will be out BBQ etc and bring about wellness.

Dalila Adofo:

We may be this in May and June

Sabrina via phone:

With this shelter-in-Place, elders are home alone and it is putting stress on mental health. What kind of steps are we going to take?

Dr. Ray via phone:

Consider video/virtual after hours drink, call my friends, reach out, and practice good health practices, my daughter doesn't come to visit me cause she could be a carrier of this disease and it is aggressive, there is a lack of medical support.

Aude on Chat:

Dr. Tompkins, thank you so much for raising these incredibly important points. I will be raising these questions with contacts in DPH and at UCSF

Dalila Adofo:

Love to stay in contact with you. Thank you.

Blair on Chat:

Question (Sorry if this has been discussed already, I came in late): SF says 17 people have died of COVID. I'm wondering if anyone has information that suggests the real number is larger than the reported number, if Folks in the Bayview are being reliably tracked.

Dalila Adofo:

We are following up with data.

Gwen Jackson:

I am the daughter of Espinola Jackson- Sabrina (regarding shelter-in-place) download Zoom and contact someone and say I need to talk to someone, churches for example, but I am grateful to be in a safe place. Thank you for the information about jobs for the young people and thank you for this meeting. I remember Dr. Ray being at meetings with my Mom.

Dr. Ray via phone:

Ms. Jackson I had the privilege of working with your Mom when she was working at Kaiser. I still have a voicemail on my phone. Your Mom is always on my heart.

Anthony Khalil:

Gratitude for Ms Gwen for joining us and I worked with your Mom and I still really looked up to her as a pillar in the community. We really honor her and her vibrant life. Thank you for being here.

Rebecca on Chat:

Is data being released re geographic location/ neighborhoods of cases and mortalities ?

Anne on Chat:

Other ways to reconnect - Google Hangouts and House Party (it's an application where you can play games like Pictionary, apples to apples), reviving pen pals or writing letters

Sabrina on Chat:

yes I have mostly all those apps. but it's a mental thing. if you haven't been to jail or house arrest you might not understand. also being in confined spaces freaks me out. I see my friends, nothing has stopped with that it's just having to be in the house after coming from work. I work at the airport

3:00 PM

Anthony Khalil Presentation:

IVAN Tutorial of the new site

Please be safe, practice safety measures

Review of new site, how to submit a report, you can get alerts and an email will be sent, average monthly reports, trying to get more statistics, still in the works, resources, documents, where you can find the meeting agenda and minutes, documents, or other relevant news, how to contact us and reason for contact, this is not the correct phone number - we will work with Comite De Civico to update the phone number, using the contact form is the best form of contact at the moment, side bar, calendar, map of reports, select language on each page...Any Questions?

Leaotis via phone:

Why are we more susceptible to any other race?

Dr. Ray via phone:

We are more susceptible because of the air pollution in our neighborhood, because this virus is attacking our lungs (paraphrase from beginning of the meeting) We have the highest pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases, we are losing friends, it is no joke.

Dalila Adofo:

BVHP Residents Greenaction is ordering masks and we are willing to drop off to the community of needed. If you have any recent pollution complaints, please put them on the IVAN.

Blair on Chat:

IVAN looks great. Thanks to the folks who did this work!

Sabrina on Chat:

i work at SFO they give us N95 mask, because the nurse said the paper mask do NOT work period. if you wear it and you can ow a lighter out that mean ain can get thru and so can the virus. so the N95 and the M3 are the best that's why they are saving those forhealthcare workers! (pay attention) problem is with the N95 mask and M3 mask if you have Asthma, COPD, Bronchitis or any breathing conditions it's very hard to breathe in the proper mask!!! should we also be concerned about the new HANTA VIRUS?

3:13 PM

Problem Solving Session

Anthony Khalil Presentation:

It's really hard to shift gears, but Dr. Ray brought up the fact that we are living with pollution from genetics to physical spaces that surround us, IVAN is exposing these issues that are affecting our health, today is 415, local SF

pride, this event was brought from the Mission to Candlestick, want to give credit to the problem solving that has been communicated and shared many times, that has brought support and has addressed issues, community that as come up with solutions/solution based answers. Thank you to everyone who stays connected and drops in. Want to ask what is the pollution that we are living with and what impacts our quality of life? There are 340 IVAN Reports that have been captured in total- the data is broken down by pollution reports.

List of Evaluation Feedback:

- Different meeting structures
- Set goals at start of the year to help measure
- Do you think the meeting is affective?
- What are the benefits of IVAN?
- Need more action from the people?
- violations in our community - particular, what are the issues that still exist around illegal waste and dumping?

Sheridan on Chat:

Anthony, will this presentation be available online?

Dalila Adofo:

We can share it with folks online if it's available.

Anthony Khalil White Board Presentation:

What can we do? What does exist?

Putting pressure on illegal dump near Van Dyke

Sabrina on Chat:

Selby and Palou illegal dumping on Selby side.. and the street behind Palou. I think Newcomb and Selby Jerrold and Phelps, Gilman and Arelious Walker right by Double Rock, Carolle.

Anthony Khalil:

How might this illegal dumping scenario relate to the situation at hand? There needs to be a body that address this? What is in our air? What is affecting our community the most and what kind of campaign can we do to address this?

Blair on Chat:

It seems there are two kinds of waste: one is whole bags of stuff, big things; the other is fast food containers. There is a lot of that, too

Sabrina on Chat-recology charging for EXCESS TRASH. will this be stopped soon, because it's gonna be more trash because more people are home NOW.

Blair on Chat:

Right: more public waste bins, subsidized waste collection for people in need.

Anthony Khalil:

Different waste streams-different areas that always have trash piling up, it could be residential trash, construction, workers external to the neighborhood, our way stream is much broader, impacts could be stopped further up, such as construction coming into certain parts of our neighborhood, adopt a watershed program, who wants to get behind?

Who are the players:

- Recology
- SF Dept of Public Works

Dr. Sumchai on Chat:

DTSC

Blair via Chat:

Who is responsible for keeping the area around the train tracks clear? How can we hold one or more of them to account?

Anthony Khalil:

Jurisdictional challenges, Cal Trans has been approached, Dalila has invited them to the Task Force Meetings.

Dalila Adofo:

Yes, we did invite them when illegal dumping came up, no response, but we can try again for the next meeting.

Anthony Khalil:

The City should hold Cal Train responsible, this body could also approach or is it going to the appropriate reps

Eric on Chat:

Maybe consider CalRecycle as a player. I believe they have a dedicated team on illegal dumping

Ray M on Chat:

Working on brownfield efforts found it very hard to connect with Caltrain ,etc

Blair on Chat:

If there will be some committee or subgroup taking on communicating with agencies or thinking further about this problem, I'm available to participated in that work.
*participate

Eric on Chat:

I can talk to Mark Debie via phone-Ive been working with CalRecycle in Stockton. They mostly strategies to prevent it.

Anthony Kahlil:

How can we advise/create solutions, like Blair, creating a committee , can we engage businesses to be an ally on this issue?

Ray M on Chat:

Legal - gotta sue or threat

Blair on Chat:

Our supervisor should be assisting us in this

Sabrina on Chat:

What about Shamann?

Blair on Chat:

If we provide people to clean up (in THE AFTER COVID TIME), can we get businesses to provide tools, protective equipment and

so on, for cleanups....?

Yeah, but this is great, Anthony. Kudos to you for pushing this.

Anthony Khalil:

Review, hot spots, players, types of waste (big things/whole bags of things, abandoned furniture etc, small things/food waste containers, construction related, residential) We want the IVAN usage to increase and solution on these topics.

Blair on chat:

We want the curve to flatline because there is nothing to report — not because violations are not being reported!

Anthony Khalil:

Change the institutional approach

Next steps?

Dr. Sumchai on Chat:

I believe one of the greatest impediments to IVAN reporting may be complacency and acceptance of dumping by residents.

Anthony Khalil:

You have to pay to play so you have to pay more, there are obstacles, there is a broad range of residents/community folks. Trash service itself can be a problem, affordability, charging to pick up extra trash etc.

3:55PM

Dalila Adofo:

Next Meeting is May 20th from 6pm-8pm, most likely virtual

Is this a prob for folks?

Leaotis, Renay, Sabrina -Please let me know folks emails to increase our database, are there more things Greenaction can do? Please let us know. Want to hear more things to support your community. Would like to have a separate meeting. Leaotis, I will call you tomorrow.

Blair on Chat:

Same meeting ID if, as likely, on zoom?

Dalila Adofo:

No, different (meeting) ID

Renay via phone:

I am recruiting new members for Mothers and Fathers Committee.

4:03 PM Meeting Adjourned