

**MINUTES OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING
BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE RESPONSE TASK FORCE**

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

TASK FORCE MEETING

The Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force convened the monthly meeting in the Southeast Community College, Alex Pitcher Room at 1800 Oakdale, Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco, California, on the above date.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Update on Recent Complaints

Community members have observed many environmental issues. These include illegal dumping by non-residents, diesel idling, burning of metals, smells from the ball park, and trucks driving off normal routes.

Karen Cohn of the San Francisco Department of Public Health informed us of a win: The Department of Public Works fined businesses on Carol Ave for dust control violations.

III. Review of How to File and Respond to Complaints on Webpage

Agencies emphasized the need for increased information and detail in reports (i.e., time of observation, location, photos, and videos). Residents were encouraged to be prompt about filing complaints and to identify the other complaint systems they have notified.

Marlene Tran brought attention to the need for community outreach and access to non-English speakers. She suggested having a press conference or hands-on training. Community member suggested having a smart phone app and posting a link to the webpage on the Greenaction site.

IV. Presentation on the Environmental Review Process: Rick Cooper of the SF Planning Dept

Cooper addressed the opportunities for public comment during the environmental review process. After the appropriate document is selected (i.e., Environmental Impact Report), there are various steps in the process that are open to community engagement. Included among these are notification, comments, and appeal.

Dr. Raymond Thompkins expressed concern about not being notified in a timely manner. As an example, he referenced the decision to switch from mechanical demolition to an implosion in Candlestick without public review.

Community members urged that the Planning Department put up signs in multiple locations and multiple languages, and inform residents about who to contact if they have concerns.

V. Follow-up on Illegal Dumping Initiative

A community member suggested having a night patrol.

Marie Harrison of Greenaction raised concern about dump sites that are located where unhoused people live. Cohn offered to connect Marie with the Homeless Outreach Team.

VI. Follow-up on Diesel Idling Initiative

Kristen McKinley of California Air Resources Board described the 'no idling' signs that will be going up in areas identified in partnership with Harrison. McKinley and Harrison will drive around to identify additional locations, including sensitive receptors.

Community members expressed concern about the sign not including the fine amount and started brainstorming ways to explicitly communicate that information. One idea was to create and post flyers.

McKinley suggested a "day of citations," a coordinated event dedicated to citing truck drivers who are illegally idling.

VII. Public Comment

There is interest in having the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department attend a meeting to address the use of toxic chemicals and restoration. There is also interest in agendizing media outreach and economy.

Noxium Berrios of Literacy for Environmental Justice asserted the need for environmental literacy programs in our schools.

Eric Brooks suggested that the "Giant Sweep" program come to Bayview.

VIII. Next Steps and Announcements

There will be follow-up on the 'no-idling' signs and additional locations will be identified.

Harrison will send out the schedule of monthly meetings, including night meetings.

The next meeting is March 16, 2016, 2-4pm