

Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force

Part of the IVAN (Identifying Violations Affecting Neighborhoods) Network:

www.bvhp-ivan.org

When: Wednesday October 16, 2019

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Southeast Community Facility (Five Keys Room)

1800 Oakdale Avenue, Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco

AGENDA

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| 5:30 PM | Dinner |
| 6:00 PM | Welcome |
| 6:05 PM | Review Previous Minutes and Agenda |
| 6:10 PM | Update about IVAN website: www.bvhp-ivan.org |

Dalila: The IVAN website is down and under construction. It will be updated and ready hopefully by the end of this month or beginning of next month. The website did not save any IVAN complaints from August 27th until now.

Dalila: Is there any IVAN complaints or environmental issues that have happened that folks want to talk about?

- Trash on Carrol
- Strong smell at night and in evening from Sewage wastewater plant
- Quint and Oakdale-there is an odor by railroad/train track
- Kirkwood and Phelps-illegal dumping don't want to RVs to be held at fault but there is a problem.
- Parts of BVHP floods when it rains. Sewage overflows. The plaza and candlestick and around 280 freeway
- Sewage Plant stinks and causes migraines on Kirkwood and Phelps.

Environmental Issues conversation

Javier: The smell of the wastewater plant is an ongoing issue. The community has put up with it for too long. There is a long-term strategy to fix it. They are redoing the entire plant. It was built in 1956 and is old and outdated. We are moving biodigesters near Caltrain. Away from people's homes. In the meantime, report through IVAN and call 311 and **if there is odor from the sewage plant there is a hotline to the sewage plant (the plant must create a report and address it).The Hotline number is : (415) 920-4700** If odor from sewer call 311.

Karen: Can you Javier give us at the next meeting an updated timeline for moving the biodigesters. When is that project going to get started?

Javier: Will give update next meeting on timeline. Will present myself or will bring someone to present

Chris: Will the digesters be switched from open to closed top?

Joshua: Call BAAQMD complaint line directly if smell odor from biodigesters. Log in to website but **call BAAQMD**. Inspectors will respond faster than just IVAN website.
1-800-334-ODOR

Hadrien: SF 311 on twitter is this an effective means to report.

Javier: There is an app for 311.

Joshua: In my experience, when you call 311 the inspectors still won't get it until a day or two later.

Sabrina: Due to construction, I've been noticing new breed of insects. Albino roaches, spiders that did not use to be around.

Kris: Harbor road to public housing can see potato bugs that are big from nowhere.

Blair: Global climate warming make insects and animals migrate from the south.

Karen: I work with health dept but not what I do. Karen Comb did and she retired but I will report back to health dept.

Leaotis: I have been seeing weird bugs as well and I'm on Hunters view.

6:25PM Community Announcements

Blair: Two Announcements-Extinction Rebellion has events this week and next. We occupied an intersection this morning. There is a close the camps infinity group to fight against locking up South Americans. Climate change has made a 5-year drought and that's why they are migrating here.

Sabrina: Are you apart of any other groups?

Louise: Have to deal with racism. Have to fight for everything.

Blair: Shahid is fighting against Nancy Pelosi

Sabrina: I am also supporting Shahid. Not only because he is running against Nancy but her nephew works with Lennar

Karen: Add to Blair announcement. Africans and Haitians are being held at the concentration camps.

Renay: Membership recruitment for Mothers and Fathers. Trying to revitalize the org. Oct 24 at 5 p.m. at Radio Africa. There is a signup sheet going around.

Sabrina: What are the Youth academy ages?

Dalila: 12 to 18. We will talk about it.

Abraham: From DTSC. Hosting event on VSP. DTSC authority to look over permits and renew/revoke permits have been under scrutiny. Permit process has been behind close doors. New procedure itemizes looking at historic env violations and taking that in consideration. Two events 1-3 and then 6-8p.m. It is a webinar. Sent Dalila a Link and will send it out to everyone.

Sheridan: Is it only in English or translated?

Abraham: If need translation services let me know and will bring back.

Leotis: Always feel like we aren't doing enough. Too many people dying. Because of what's going on in our city. Family that has passed away and friends. There is a reason why kids are born with cancer, asthma, sickle cell etc. If not going to do your job, we need to vote out the seat and vote for someone who will help us.

Sabrina: EPA website that says the no schools should be built on contaminated sites. Involuntary Law. If on contaminated site can cause truancy and behavioral problems. But when they truant, they blame us.

Kris: To be piggyback on that. Freddy Grey had been exposed to lead throughout their lifetime. Gov contaminate the land then. Naval shipyard is contaminated now, and test was falsified on purpose and what now.

6:35 PM Commissioner Ahn Presents the Commission on the Environment's Certificate for Marie Harrison

Commissioner Ahn: Here to present certificate for Marie Harrison for her work that we adjourned in May 28, 2019. On behalf of San Francisco Commission on the Environment we celebrate Ms. Marie for her hard work and dedication to EJ and the Bayview Hunters Point community.

6:40 PM Update on BVHP DACTIP Water Needs Assessment by Sheridan Enomoto

Sheridan: Aloha Nui Kakou, I always start that way. indigenous languages are still alive. Every time we speak them it keeps them alive. Hawaiian language was illegal to speak in 1966 and thanks to people including my grandmother they kept it alive. There are a lot of laws we have dealt with laws but not always right. Prop 1-Suppose to be speaking with community first in regard to water. This program has changed hands and was held up, but we are starting up again. Work on water, relationships with the shoreline communities and. Should call it water rise not just ocean/sea level rise. There is a lot of Extraction from community but no follow up. What happened with that information? Remembering reciprocity. This is the Initial survey not final but whatever we survey will have access to the results. Needs assessment about quality of water. Illegal dumping how that relates to water. Cost of water. Taste of water. Do you know where your water comes from and where its at. Asking different questions about water and your community. This survey only in English but started to assess with different communities to translate.

Sabrina: When go to double rock water tastes different

Asale: Friend of Marie Harrison. Hypocrisy going on in political system. Even discussed with employee of treatment plant. Broken digestors and comm was supposed to receive benefits for having water treatment. Will be storming the PUC meetings to fight for the community. It is time to hold PUC responsible. College on 3rd suppose to be named after Espinola Jackson. Asale-haquekyah welcome to community and I am here to fight.

Sheridan: Survey is ongoing. This is just assessment. Way to have community led process. And I am monitoring that- is it really? Make sure there is feedback, resolution and community led. Subsistence fishing. I know people are still fishing. That community is forgotten and there is access to the Bay.

Sabrina: Taste I different neighborhoods and diff color.

Javier: All the piping in public system is owned by the city and managed by PUC and all has been replaced since 70's with no lead pipes. Homes that are older are not in PUC jurisdiction and there are tests that we have. SFPUC can test it and assess.

Sheridan: How to access that test? Is it free?

Javier: Give my contact and I can set that up. Phone:

Dalila: Promotion for that?

Javier: Not enough because if y'all haven't heard about it

Sheridan: I want people to know and how to access it

Karen: We can facilitate that water testing, biomonitoring. Partner with Rafiki etc. I like the survey. Who did the survey?

Sheridan: Survey process was with residents and some Greenaction members. Want to make sure people are aware and know this is happening

Sabrina: District 10 is not just BVHP but Sunnydale. Whole of SF toxic. Would like to know where soil was taken to.

Sheridan: I don't know if you all have been to open house at naval shipyard. Parcel E is being remediated with covering. They are leaving toxins in place and covering. Remediating Shoreline. Happening right now.

Leaotis: Need to attack the Fed gov. they ain't doing their job.

Sabrina: Need another protest. A big one

Blair: Translation is there funding?

Sheridan: Prop 1 is funding. About 12 partnerships within organizations. Survey being translated in Spanish. Surveys vary within the 12 partners. Hope program expands. We are powerful! They have been figuring out this program for 3 years. But we are still going. Next phase is going to be involving implementation. Want to make sure comm is in the process the whole time. Want SFPUC to hear that

Javier: I heard it

Hadrien: Is there an illness that you are identifying through water issues. Like asthma linked to air quality.

Sheridan: Different type of surveying that involves health. Depends on survey. Have to look at how to assess that.

Karen: Far as I know there is no report on that at all. City has requirement that they receive report that has what is in the water and that comes out 2 times a year. Couple of efforts right now that need funding to do biomonitoring. To assess what chemicals are we carrying. Health dept has ongoing analysis of health and you can access it on website. This neighborhood has worst outcomes

Javier: There is an annual report about water that is made by SFPUC. PUC is not responsible to pipes in the home. Only resp for pipes leading up to. Test for lead at health dept. can use to check water out of your tap. Let tap run for 5 sec in morning an after that use it. Clear out minerals that can be present.

Karen: Also heard that bottle water does not have to meet same standards that the municipal water. Also sits in plastic. Rethink if you think that is safer than municipal water.

Rebecca: Bottled water is sometimes municipal water as well. Sometimes tells you where it comes from

Tony: Most bottled water does not tell you. When plumbing first started it was clay pipes then lead pipe and use to drink out of lead cups. SF rare to find lead pipe- better chance to be hit by lightning. If it sits its bad if flows its clear. If can get free test from health dept. Lead test can get at any hardware store.

Sabrina: A lot of my people aren't educated on the lead. A lot of us get lead pamphlet but a lot of people are just happy to get a house. City needs to be held accountable. We don't read we hear from each other.

Karen: Recommendation for everyone here. Don't work for PUC actually on blacklist. Program spring through summer over night tour and takes you on tour to see entire system. Help you feel better about water that comes from tap. Manger for EJ program and work with orgs. Need to do more research and deal with plastics. Health problems from exposure to plastics. Child obesity issues from chemicals in plastics. Caution on use of plastics.

Sabrina: No age limit to caffeine shots. Work at Starbucks. Want to know health affects

Karen: Health dept very few issues that they will say this causes that.

Sheridan: Find out where your watershed is. More you understand more able to make decisions

6:55 PM **Illegal Dumping Brainstorm**

Tony: Do you have a list of what's happening in the city. Who is doing it-Don't pay garbage bill then they dump it, moving apt and they dump, small contractors and dump? The city DPW from there perspective adds up to 10,000 things to pick up a year and they work hard on it. Big furniture items Recology picks up. Idea to stop it-big dumpster, free for you to dump, and recology can remove the dumpster.

Leotis: Great idea if take tax money and pay for it

Dr. Ray: Did look at dumping, Carrol street is top 2 complaint. Seen a car front on Carrol. It is consistent. City hasn't addressed it. Not interested in addressing it. Recology no and they don't even use the right trucks to wash street down. Have dirt trucks instead of asphalt trucks and nozzle does not point down. Makes more of a mess.

Sabrina: Mohammad Nuru. Blamed it on contractors. Surveillance cameras all around neighborhood.

Tony: Cameras cost a lot of money and they ain't going to be watching them.

Sabrina: Are they going to be watching us?

Dr. Ray: Don't have a thing to do with clean up. They are watching you.

Karen: So, you are talking about one area. I live down the street here and at every corner and intersection on every street there is dumping every week. People drive in to work. Stop dump and keep going. Because city allows this people to feel its ok to dump

Sabrina: We are the dump

Karen: Don't want to blame ppl. We have a lot of homeless and ppl who are renting spaces that are illegal such as garages. Recology needs to let landowners know to let tenants know where it needs to go. Landowners need to be held accountable.

Tony: Recology does that outreach, and city doesn't back that up

Karen: Have you seen a flyer that you can understand. Need basic info. Do not throw garbage on the corner it goes in bin.

Renay: Do they have low income program or garbage

Sabrina: yes they do. People steal the garbage cans. PPL Rip through trash and recology doesn't take it and told me to put it back in bag. What can we do about people ripping through trash?

Karen: Act crazy. Don't mess with my cans!

Abraham: Do you all have a solid waste task force here? When worked in Southern Cal, Imperial County will form solid waste task force. People involved in that process

Tony: This is the place to come to. They need to come here and Recology used to come here.

Abraham: Is there something that exists that the city uses. Main reason why asking is because system is complex and if you don't get all in the room then they are going to pass the buck.

Tony: DPW have a lot of people and a lot of trucks. 24 hours a day to pick up garbage on roofs and bring to Recology. Also have big dump trucks. DPW and Recology are working together and coordinated. Maybe DPW slacking, how do we impact that.

Abraham: I understand that and hear that. I appreciate that they are doing their job. But that's a bandage. The real problem is that people aren't disposing of garbage correctly. Needs to be joint effort. Whether its them reach landlords and posting notices. Recology and DPW may not have authority to go enforce landlords so we need someone in the room that has that authority. They might know who.

Tony: How do you get people educated? Especially if come from different places that doesn't use our system. Contract dumps more than individuals. DPW has badges and they can write you and have police arrest you. People that's doing this don't care

Community member: A lot of houseless people living in vehicles. Use plastic bags to put personal body waste. It is a health risk and concern.

Sabrina: Not going to be addressed until homelessness addressed. Need facilities here. Just there 2 years ago. Turn Walgreens into homeless hub

Louise: Bathrooms have time limits doesn't help. Plumbing is bad. Raw Sewage. Radio Africa building. Reported it to David Salbal.

Tony: Report it Shamman Walton, IVAN and health dept.

Louise: Don't want black people in there. City and fed gov discriminates.

7:30 PM Air Monitoring Site Location Activity

Ran out of time for air monitoring site location activity

7:50 PM Agenda Committee Sign Up

7:55 PM Next meeting date, times and location

8:00 PM Meeting Adjourned