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

Wednesday, September 15, 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 of participants

II. Agenda review

III. Review new and pending pollution complaints

Shirley Moore filed a complaint to get Lennar’s proposed parking garage moved. It is proposed to be built under her home. Car emissions, such as carbon monoxide, would pose a health threat. Ms. Moore informed us that Lennar and the City have been made aware of the situation. Bradley Angel of Greenaction stated that the BVHP Task Force will follow-up on the complaint. Karen Cohn of the SF Department of Public Health stated that the complaint has been forwarded to the proper department.

Noise pollution – This complaint was forwarded and 311 has been provided with a script.

Illegal dumping – These complaints have been referred to 311, but there has been lax response to date.

Dust control concerns – John Marvin of the Air District mentioned that people should call the Air District complaint line, 1-800-334-ODOR, to get immediate response from the agency. Beronica Lee of the SF Department of Public Health informed us that property owners are on notice of violation. The Air District has launched a formal investigation of all 3 cement facilities. There may be a settlement agreement with the Air District and the facilities.

Hunters Point Shipyard – Dr. Ray Tompkins expressed concern about the radioactive fugitive dust. There are also concerns about business actions, particularly about Tetra Tek.

Mr. Walker announced a lawsuit to examine 5+ year residents in community of BVHP and Russian Hill. He requested a baseline study and proposed that UCSF and Stanford Medical Center help keep things honest.

IV. Presentation by Golden Gate University Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

Law students gave a presentation about permitting, compliance and emissions concerns at BVHP cement facilities as well as the impacts and threats to the health of residents. The facilities are located at Pier 92/94. There are uncovered stockpiles of harmful particulate matter. They stated a need to ensure that facilities and the Air District are following regulations.

The students raised concerns around incorrect calculation issues and record keeping discrepancies. They noted that the last inspection recorded 4/20/2010 prior to investigation. There is no permit for facilities at Pier 94. Collaborations between the Clinic and the Air District led to inspections on 4/7/2016.
A need for increased inspections and prohibiting unpermitted facilities to operate was discussed.

V. Presentation by BUILD

Courtney Pash of BUILD made a presentation about the India Basin Mixed Use Development Project. The presentation included: a history of the community; background on their proposal; the environmental history of the site, including contamination; and, community outreach and planning efforts. The 2013 Phase 1 & 2 ESA and assessment uncovered contaminants. Environmental clean-up was addressed. The India Basin Neighborhood Association developed a community vision, which included 55 community engagement meetings and 105 individual meeting attendees.

BUILD stated that they were hoping to get the “affordable housing” units required to be built to be located elsewhere. There was much concern about gentrification and lack of a thorough cleanup plan. Jackie Barshak expressed that the project is designed for rich tech people.

Other residents talked about the history in terms of military and industrial activity. They felt that this important history was not addressed in BUILD’s presentation. There was also interest in seeing a clean-up plan to mitigate pollution issues.

Rominica Grace, a Sunnydale resident, affirmed that the development projects are not coming with benefits to longtime residents.

Bradley asked BUILD about the remedial action plans – where are they? At this point, Greenaction opposes the project due to concerns about pollution and gentrification. It is asking the Planning Department to hold off on the EIR.

Additional concerns include insufficient outreach and contamination from ships exposed to atomic bomb tests. These toxics are being kicked up.

VI. Presentation by California Air Resources Board

Kristen McKinley of ARB presented on Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs). She informed us that projects must focus on compliance, public health, pollution prevention and environmental restoration. The projects must relate to the area of violation. Most importantly, projects need to come from the community.

VII. Air District Rule 11-18

Victor Douglas of the Air District announced that the Air District is currently developing a new rule, 11-18. This rule aims to reduce the risk from air toxic emissions at existing facilities by lowering the threshold.

VIII. Next steps and announcements

On October 8th, Southeast Community College is hosting the annual health fair.

The next meeting is October 19, 2016, 2-4pm