Minutes of the Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Southeast Community Facility, Five Keys Room

1800 Oakdale Avenue, San Francisco CA 94124

I. Welcome and Introductions (Dalila)
   • Thank you for all that attended.
   • Introduced SF Mime Troupe’s performance about Bayview and its pollution issues

II. SF Mime Troupe’s Performance
   • Thank you so much SF Mime Troupe for performing. It was a treat and you all did great!

III. Review of recent pollution complaints filed (Dalila)
   • Total of complaints 14 from last meeting (March 20th). Reported complaints include Trash, Illegal Dumping, smelly air, needles and human waste.
   • Responses to complaints:
     o Smelly Air complaint (March 28th)
       ▪ Name: Javier Padilla Reyes
       ▪ Description: Thank you for submitting this report. When this report was filed, I talked to our Southeast Plant Operations (415) 920-4700 for tracking purposes. Our personnel did not encounter the same intense odor. I will report back to the EJ Task Force in May with a report.
       ▪ Name: Rosene Salmo, Bay Area Air Quality Management District
       ▪ Description: The Air Quality Inspector will investigate this complaint.

IV. Presentation by CleanPower SF (Kiara)
   • The CleanPowerSF not-for-profit program operated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) that works in partnership with PG&E to deliver cleaner energy to residents and businesses. We purchase clean and renewable energy on behalf of our customers, which is then delivered through PG&E’s poles and wires.
   • Residents in San Francisco will start receiving cleaner, greener electricity this spring, thanks to the City’s CleanPowerSF community choice clean energy program. In April, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will welcome over 250,000 residential electricity customers into the Green service with at least 40% renewable energy.
   • The program provides cleaner air by 10% or more.
   • PG&E occupies 80% of the city

V. Biomonitoring (Michelle Pierce, Ahimsa Porter Sumchai MD, Dr. Ray Thompkins, Dr. Rupa Marya)
Biomonitoring is a new science that can detect toxic chemicals in human tissue and body fluids. Human biomonitoring relies on a laboratory method called mass spectrometry that ionizes chemicals and sorts the ions based on mass to charge ratio. “Mass spec” analyzes samples of urine, blood, tissue, breast milk, umbilical cord and even baby teeth for multiple toxic “analytes.”

Dr. Ray Thompkins spoke about the history of health and pollution of the Bayview Hunters Point. He explained that there him and Dr. Peter Palmer from SFSU is working on detecting VOC’s in BVHP. He talked about the false testing of the Naval Shipyards and how they had flawed testing methods and that they did not test for all the isotopes and chemicals they should have. He talked about the high cancer rates among BVHP and that Asian Women who have a historical average of .01 rates of breast cancer has a 36.7% rate per 100,000 in the BVHP. Dr. Ray’s talk was both moving and highly informative.

Next Meeting: May 15th, 2019 at Radio Africa & Kitchen