

Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco AB 617 Community Steering Committee Meeting

SUMMARY

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm PDT

Facilitator: Marsha Maloof

Note-taker: En2Action

Co-Leads: Marie Harrison Community Foundation,

Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates, &

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Meeting Location: Southeast Community Center, Hunters Point Room

1550 Evans Ave, San Francisco, CA 94124

Webpage with Meeting Materials:

<https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health-protection-program/bayview-hunters-point-community-emissions-reduction-plan>

Topic & Summary
1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Action Steps Update
2. Charter Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Marsha Maloof (En2action) asked if anyone had questions or concerns about the second draft of the Charter. There were no pressing concerns or questions, so it was moved to ratify the document. The CSC ratified its Charter!b. Next step is to send a finalized copy of the Charter to all CSC members.
3. Introductions and Glossary Words Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The exercise went smoothly. Everyone introduced each other, and shared their word and associated definition.
4. Community Mapping Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Marsha introduced Steve Reid and Michael Flagg (both from the Air District) who asked if there were any lingering questions from the last meeting. There were no specific questions and Michael outlined the activity for identifying specific points of emissions on a map of the area. Marsha clarified the difference between emissions and pollutants. Stressing that our focus is on harmful pollutants in the community.b. Marsha broke the group into four groups, gave instructions on how to self manage each group by selecting a person as time keeper, a person to record thoughts on flip charts and a person to report back at the end of the activity. The

group had fifteen minutes to discuss and put dots on the maps. Co-lead Karen Pierce of (Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates) reminded folks of **who** and **what** types of facilities are considered especially vulnerable with an emphasis on seniors and children. Report outs started twenty five minutes later. Report outs:

- Group 1 reported: Households in our area are vulnerable. The odor near the recology center is a concern. What are the health effects related to the unpleasant odor?
 - Group 2 reported: Residential areas have highways and industrial areas surrounding them within the boundaries. Unsafe zoning issues are prevalent.
 1. Steve: Mobile sources of pollution are not under Air District authority and are not permitted. Installations like vegetative barriers and other eco friendly barriers can help mitigate vehicle emissions.
 - Group 3 reported: There are still areas missing on the map where stakeholders work. The group also observed that the residential areas are surrounded by pollution sources--the Port, highways, railroad, other industrial sources.
 - Group 4 reported: Certain areas within the boundaries were unknown to the group. They didn't know about some of the senior centers and needed more info on these vulnerable locations. Concern over new construction and Navy projects.
 1. Karen said it's the government agencies' responsibility to take inventory of these locations for the group.
- c. Chalum Tubati (CSC member) asked if we can mandate rerouting trucks outside of residential areas
- Michelle Byars (California Air Resources Board) answered that truck rerouting studies are available and that rerouting has worked for other communities in the East Bay.
- d. Co-lead Karen said that they will post one of the maps at BVHP Advocates for people to add to it. She also suggested that the maps be brought to all the meetings.
- e. Chad White (community member) referenced bus and parking lots in the area as sources of pollution, as well as ship anchorage impact on air.
- Steve said that no parking lots are in the emission inventory, only the movement of vehicles on roadways.
- f. There was only one group that had a red dot just outside of the boundary. It was stated that the fact that this site is outside the boundary does not limit the group's ability to have this business at the table. Michelle referenced offering incentives to local companies to reduce emissions, keeping these businesses in the conversation even if they lie outside of areas boundaries
- Greg Nudd (Air District) said that regulations can be written to apply to all

relevant Bay Area business segments, though incentives would be offered locally.

- g. Amelia Erskine (CSC member) asked if the CSC membership has representation from all areas within the boundaries of the map to cover all sources of emissions and pollutants that should be addressed.
- h. Kamillah said we need to “unify District 10 by including Little Hollywood, Sunnydale, and Potrero.” She offered to recruit folks from these areas to come next time.
- i. Air District representative David said he and Co-lead Arienne did outreach to these areas but that individuals from these areas have not yet joined the CSC.

5. Wrap up and Action Steps

- a. Marsha asked for thoughts about the Mapping Activity:
 - i. Kamillah said that the exercise was very helpful and informative but that they didn’t have enough time for it to “fully resonate.” They need more time in the future. 15 mins is not enough.
 - ii. The group expressed this key understanding - Emissions can be outside of our boundary - boundary is important.
- b. Agustin Angel (CSC member) asked about when we would create subcommittees:
 - iii. Michelle Pierce (BVHP Community Advocates) expressed that subcommittees are only needed for specific quick turnaround emergencies and that co-leads and co-chairs will make sure the process works so there is no need for subcommittees. All stakeholders need to be able to learn about the various emission sources and weigh in together on findings and potential solutions.
 - iv. One attendee expressed interest in a subcommittee on the neighborhood smell, whether it’s considered a pollutant or not.
 - v. BVHP Community Advocates will be available to help move the process forward.
- c. Next Steps/Wrap up + Action Steps:
 - i. Establish a definitive boundary.
 - ii. Identify all sources where emissions are coming from.
 - iii. Make sure people living/working within boundaries can be at the table.
 - iv. Include other D10 communities as a part of this conversation.

Questions from CSC members

Air District staff will develop a BVHP/SESF CSC Questions and Answers document that will include these questions and their answers.

1. What is considered a pollutant?
2. Residential areas have highways and industrial areas surrounding them within the boundaries. These are unsafe zoning issues. How are these handled?
3. Where do emissions come from? Are cars sources that release emissions?
4. Are there data sets of parking lots in the area?
5. New construction and Navy projects are not on the map. Why not?
6. Can we mandate rerouting trucks outside of residential areas?
7. What are examples of emissions that are not pollutants?