

AGENDA

East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting #9
 Date & Time: Thursday, June 8th, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT
 Virtual Facilitator: Aiyahna Johnson and Charles Reed, CSC Co-Chairs
 Note-taker: Kya Chen, Just Cities (JC)
 Co-Chairs: Aiyahna Johnson and Charles Reed
 CBE: Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)
 Air District: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
 Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85787941453>

Website with Meeting Materials and Meeting Video Recording:
<https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health-protection-program/east-oakland-community-emissions-reduction-plan>

Time	Topic
6:00 pm	Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (10 mins; 6:00-6:09 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (8 mins) ● Initial Meeting Agreements (2 min)
6:10 pm	CERP Community Vision & Principles Statement: Review & Vote (6:10-6:45 PM)
6:45 pm	Overview of Strategy Development (20 mins; 6:45-7:05PM)
7:05 pm	Oakland General Plan Update and Environmental Justice Element (15 min; 7:05-7:20PM)
7:20 pm	Break (5 mins; 7:20-7:25 PM)
7:25 pm	CERP Boundary Recap (35 mins; 7:25-8:00 PM)
8:00 pm	Next Steps and Close out

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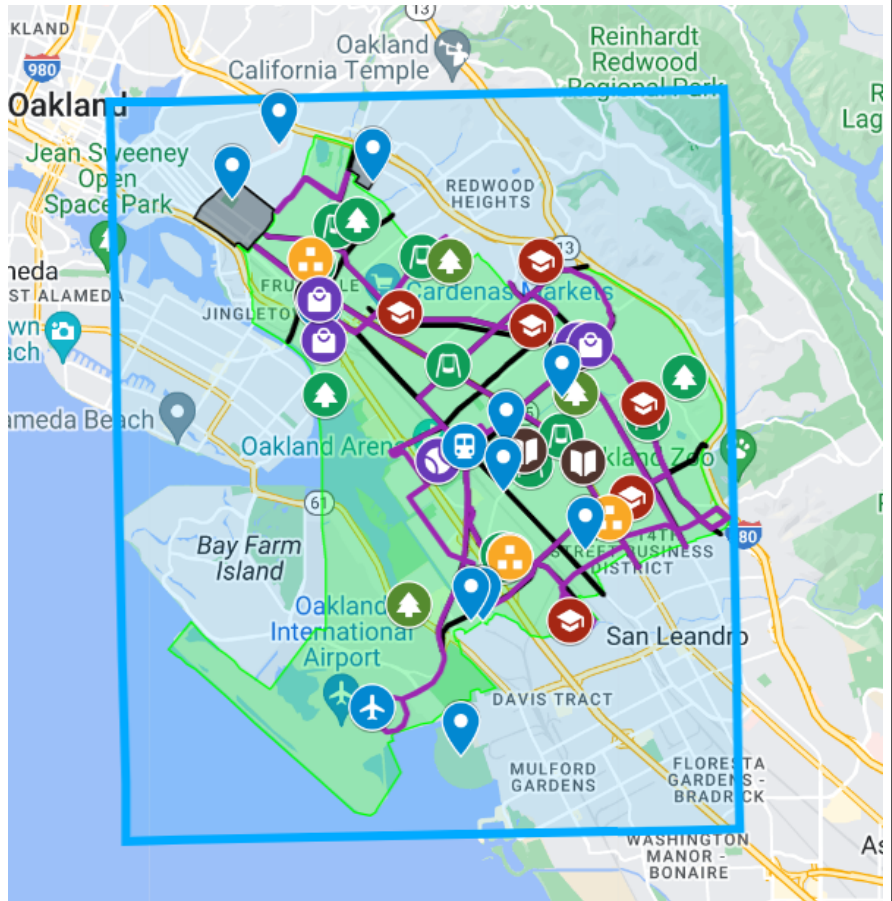
Time	Topic	Transcribed Meeting Minutes/Summary
6:00 PM	Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (10 mins; 6:00-6:09 PM)	Steering Committee Members Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aiyahna Johnson ● Andria Blackmon ● Charles Reed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (8 mins) • Initial Meeting Agreements (2 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cynthia Gutierrez • Danny Scott • Erika Pascual • Gabrielle Sloane-Law • Jamaica Sowell • Jamie Schecter • Jasmine Gonzalez • Khalilha Haynes • Kimi Watkins-Tartt / Tram Nguyen • Marina Muñoz • Merika Goolsby • Ms. Cecilia Cunningham • Shamar Theus • Susan Goolsby • William Crotinger <p>CSC members introduced themselves in the zoom chat with their name, pronouns, and organization.</p> <p>Aiyahna Johnson and Charles Reed, CSC Co-Chairs, facilitated the welcome and agenda walkthrough. Charles facilitated community building.</p> <p>Lujain Al-Saleh, from CBE, provided updates to the CSC about the extension letter being sent to CARB and that one CSC member resigned. There are currently 24 CSC members.</p> <p>Alesia Hsiao, from the Air District, presents the Timeline and updates. We are currently on the Spring 2023 section.</p> <p>Aiyahna, CSC Co-Chair, says that Mykela was unable to attend today, so her statement will be sent out to the CSC and a vote will take place in July.</p>
6:10 PM	<p>CERP Community Vision & Principles Statement: Review & Vote (6:10-6:45 PM)</p>	<p>Aiyahna and Charles, CSC Co-Chairs, walk us through the CERP Draft Vision & Principles Statement for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CSC member is questioning how this written statement translates to action. Facilitators responded that this statement guides us in the work, gives us a goal, and unifies us in how we get to that goal. • A CSC member questions the feasibility of including so many goals within the vision statement, emphasizing that we only have a year to accomplish this. Instead, we should mainly focus on improving air quality, pollution, and health conditions in East and West Oakland while working with BAAQMD. For the other goals, we can try to accomplish those separately with other agencies.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alesia, from the Air District, reminds the group of the timeline and that the purpose of the CERP vision is to help community members envision the future they want (represents blue sky thinking), and the principles are the core values the community sets to achieve that vision. ● A CSC member understands the purpose of having a broad vision, but does agree that we should narrow it down to really focus on how to reduce emissions in East Oakland. The CSC member worries that if we focus on all of these other things, the CSC can lose sight of the original goal. ● A CSC member emphasizes the need to send consistent reminders of upcoming votes. They would have sent in a comment about the principles and vision, but they were not reminded of this vote, and so they missed the deadline. ● A CSC member says our vision is already written, we already have agency support, and we have funds established. We know that everything takes time and we should stay united. ● Lujain, from CBE, would like to address redlining and how it's connected to today's focus on air pollution. Structural racism needs to be addressed, which is why it is included in the vision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CSC member wonders when we will talk about regulators. Industries consistently pollute, but when regulators get involved, we see improvements. Regulators ignore our communities, and this is an opportunity to hold agencies accountable to serve us the way they do affluent neighborhoods. We need to use these meeting times to discuss realistic, timely ways of regulating polluters. ● Roll Call Vote: Do you approve of the CERP Vision Statement and Principles?: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes: 14 ○ No: 0 ○ Abstain: 3 ○ Absent: 6
6:45 pm	Overview of Strategy Development (20 mins; 6:45-7:05PM)	Lujain, from CBE, discusses the strategy approach and roadmap drafted by CBE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One CSC member proposes doing an analysis of all of CERP's plans from other communities (i.e. West Oakland, Richmond, etc.) to see if there are any common themes/strategies for them. The CSC may be able to prioritize these themes and learn from other CERP strategies.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lujain, from CBE, responds that this could be done in a future meeting. ● Julia, from CARB, responds that she could support with analyzing various CERPs and has materials that could be helpful. ● A CSC member asks where CERP can influence zoning measures to ensure that trucking/delivery companies can be replaced by a green alternative. ● A CSC member wants to emphasize the victory of AB&I leaving East Oakland, and agrees with the other CSC member that we need to watch what happens to the land now.
7:05 pm	Oakland General Plan Update and Environmental Justice Element (15 min; 7:05-7:20PM)	<p>Khalilha Haynes, City of Oakland, gives a presentation on some of the strategies in the EJ element that relate to AB 617.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A CSC member raises the issue that many city meetings are not accessible or that community members are often not aware of them. There has been no interpretation and translation in a lot of meetings. Inform communities better so they know when these meetings are happening. ● A CSC member mentions that it is really hard to get permits for community projects, like gardens. ● A CSC member would like to understand how the Environmental Service Division functions. Khalilha explains that the General Plan Update influences this division, as well as other departments like Public Works.
7:20	Break (5 mins; 7:20-7:25 PM)	
7:25 pm	CERP Boundary Recap (35 mins; 7:25-8:00 PM)	<p>Alesia and Steve Reid, from the Air District, present on emissions inventory and the CERP boundary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A CSC member wants to know if the marijuana cultivation industry is going to be included in this. They were a massive polluter using diesel generators. Now they're expelling toxins from plants into the water source. ● Steve, from the Air District responds that those industries, especially those that use diesel engines, would automatically be included in the inventory. ● A CSC member mentions that the map could be more understandable for members if it was more graphical or included a satellite view. ● Steve, from the Air District, explains that the draft inventory will quantify emission sources in the community, and provide a database of where those pollutants are coming from.

CSC members reviewed the boundary map and added more community assets. The Air District proposes that they continue preparing the draft emissions inventory.



8:00 pm

Next steps and Close Out

Next CSC meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 6-8pm via Zoom.