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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 2, 2021

This meeting was conducted under procedures authorized by executive order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Members of the Committee participated by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) Co-Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Co-Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue; Vice Chairperson Nate Miley; and Directors Rich Constantine, John Gioia, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Directors John Bauters, Carole Groom, Brad Wagenknecht, Shamann Walton.

Also Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Wilson, to **approve** the Minutes of July 1, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Constantine, Gioia, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Wilson.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bauters, Groom, Wagenknecht, Walton.

3. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Committee Co-Chair Hurt introduced Mr. Charles Reed, Lead Campaign Organizer of the Oakland New Emerald Deal. Mr. Reed’s presentation described this initiative that would reallocate 100% of the Cannabis Tax revenue from the City of Oakland’s Fund. These funds will be placed in a Community Equity Restitution Fund and re-distributed through specific social equity and re-entry programs to the communities that have historically dealt with a lack of infrastructure and resources. This initiative would create a policy change that will provide crucial funding in response to institutional and systemic inequities in housing, education, job training, and pollution in communities historically disproportionately negatively impacted.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the current applications process for cannabis establishments; the type of support that is being sought from the Air District; and the percentage of the cannabis businesses of color in Oakland.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE SELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, gave the staff presentation *Discussion on the Selection of the Community Advisory Council*, including: outcome; outline; proposed CAC composition; proposed timeline for appointment; proposed selection panel; review process; and input/next steps.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project; and Charles Reed, New Emerald Deal.

Committee Comments

The Board and staff discussed the proposed role of/concerns about the two seats on the selection panel that are designated for local or state agency representatives; suggested revisions to the proposed composition of the selection panel; concerns about the potential difficulty of procuring the time commitment of multiple Board members to serve on the selection panel; and how the questionnaire that was required of CAC applicants can assist the selection panel.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 PROGRAM UPDATE: COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, gave the staff presentation *AB 617 Program Update: Community Workshop*, including: outcome; requested action; outline; program overview; Bay Area communities; a community centered program; program roadmap; updated program costs; nomination process; nomination: East Oakland; preliminary boundary; East Oakland air pollution; sources of air pollution; disparate health outcomes; nomination timeline; community workshop highlights; community feedback; next steps; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Charles Reed, New Emerald Deal; and Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the anticipated roles of the City of Oakland, Board members who represent Oakland, and the Alameda County Health Officer if East Oakland is selected as the next community to develop an emission reduction plan; whether AB 617 will study air quality impacts from mobile sources and traffic in East Oakland; and the Air District's levels of capacity building in AB 617 candidate communities that have not yet been selected.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. DISCUSSION ON AIR DISTRICT-WIDE TRAINING EFFORTS

Ms. Eady gave the staff presentation *Discussion on Air District-Wide Training Efforts*, including outcome; requested action; executive training; staff and management training; goal; training format; proposed workshop schedule; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Charles Reed, New Emerald Deal; and Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed in what manner the Board members will undergo this training without violating the Ralph M. Brown Act; who is anticipated to facilitate the trainings, and whether companies may be added to the potential list of trainers; whether the Air District is able to mandate that the Board members participate in the trainings, and how the Air District plans to

track the Board members' participation; whether there will be an order in which the Board members must receive the trainings; and whether training recordings will be offered to the Board members.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Gary Hughes, Biofuelwatch; and Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Hurt reported the following:

- The recruitment is still open for the Air District's first Community Advisory Council. The recruitment closes on September 7, 2021 at 5:00pm.
- A new funding cycle for the Air District's James Cary Smith Community Grant Program has opened. Community groups, neighborhood associations, and nonprofit organizations may apply.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Government Code Section 54593.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hirtzka
Marcy Hirtzka
Clerk of the Boards