BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TASK FORCE

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2018
TIME: 2:00PM – 4:00PM
LOCATION: Southeast Community Facility (1800 Oakdale Street, San Francisco, CA 94124)

Approximately 45 people attended the February Task Force meeting.

I. Welcome, introductions, agenda review

II. Review of recent complaints filed online at bvhp-ivan.org

1. Sour smell from sewage plant
   - BAAQMD and SF PUC responded to the complaint
2. Toxic smell from a construction site, burning sensation in eyes
   - BAAQMD responded/investigated
3. Illegal dumping – no response
4. Construction debris on Carroll Street, frequent dumping problem there
5. Odors from roofing
6. Odor – burning rubber smell for many hours
   - BAAQMD sent inspector out

III. Update on Shipyard Superfund Site Fraud Investigation – Presentation by Jordan Davis, Golden Gate University School of Law Environmental Law and Justice Clinic

- Update on Navy and government regulatory agency recent draft report on extent of apparent massive fraud committed by Tetra Tech – approximately 48% of work reviewed appears to be fraudulent. Navy says they will conduct extensive new sampling.
- GGU Clinic is representing Greenaction in Petition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to revoke Tetra Tech's national license. The Petition has been amended by adding the Navy's new Draft Report.
- Greenaction and community groups renew request for community oversight in this process.
- Michelle Pierce of Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates provided an update on the Navy's January 31st Open House
  - Michelle says "We, the community, have yet to be wrong, but the Navy and government agencies have been wrong about the cleanup"
  - The Navy's draft work plan for new testing which is supposed to be released for public comment is still not out
  - Federal regulators are "locking community out" of the process

- Dr. Raymond Tompkins said the Remediation Advisory Board needs to be re-established because that was true public participation. Dr. Tompkins also spoke about the dumping that had happened off site, including up on the hill.

- Attorney Steven Castleman of the GGU Law Clinic said they are looking into the process that would be needed to reinstate the RAB

- Dr. Ahimsa Sumchai stated that the Parcel A process was never completed. Sandblasted material was never tested properly. Diseases associated with this type of contamination needs to be looked into.

- Dr. Sumchai stated that the closed door "Tiger Team" meetings at City Hall between government agencies, elected officials and Lennar/Five Points that exclude the public and where no minutes are taken may be a violation of the Sunshine Ordinance and is proof of collusion.

IV. Community Pollution Mapping Project – presentation by Anthony Khalil of Literacy for Environmental Justice.

LEJ, Greenaction, and the African American Community Health Equity Council received a grant from BAAQMD to conduct a Bayview Hunters Point Pollution Mapping Project, hopefully to be followed by a Phase II Community Air Particulate Monitoring Project.

This is a true Community Based Participatory Research Project. Youth from LEJ and some adults will do intensive block by block ground truthing, and a test run was conducted mid-February.

Brian Butler of Greenaction talked about how this effort will empower further collaborative pollution reduction efforts due to the many pollution problems in the community. It will help identify many sources of pollution including "hidden hazards" that might not have previously been identified. Also mentioned how this youth involvement will help with pathways to careers, reduce cumulative impacts. This is real science that will generate real data to inform decision making by government.

Dr. Tompkins said he wants to compile historic photos from the community as part of this effort, and hopes this mapping effort will lead to further more comprehensive monitoring efforts.

David Ralston of BAAQMD acknowledged the 3 community partners working with BAAQMD on this project.

Ayla Peters of BAAQMD developed outreach material and shared it with the participants.

V. Bayview Hunters Point Diesel Education and Emissions Reduction Project – update by Bradley Angel of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

Greenaction received a $30,000 Supplemental Environmental Project contract from the California Air Resources Board to conduct a community based effort to educate stakeholders

including truck drivers, businesses, schools, and residents about the health threat posed by diesel emissions and the laws restricting diesel vehicle idling.

Greenaction hired two community outreach workers who have begun speaking to truckers and providing information. BAAQMD and CARB are assisting with information resources.

VI. SF Public Utilities Commission – presentation on PUC Rate Hikes

Sewage treatment plant uses 1930's technology and takes 80% of the City's sewage,

There will be a presentation on February 28th at 6 pm on the issue of rate hikes. Conflicting information on amount of the hike, PUC says they will clarify asap.

Residents say BVHP residents should get a discount, not an increase. BriYana of PUC says they have a Community Assistance Program to help low income residents.

Michelle Pierce asks if there are further mitigation plans, and BriYana said yes, including moving the facility to 1550 Evans further from homes. There will also be a community naming process for the facility.

Leaotis Martin of the BVHP Mothers and Fathers Committee says local residents should be hired.

VII. SF Department of Public Health Branch – Youth Works program is recruiting for environmental career mentoring. Applications will be online in April.

Next Task Force Meeting is March 21, 2018 at 6 pm at Southeast Community Facility.