

CED Adhoc Sub-Committee

September 26, 2018

Approved minutes

Participants:

- Councilmember Davila and Sara Kershner, Legislative Aid
- Councilmember Harrison and Chris Naso, Legislative Aid & Rafael Botello, Intern
- Councilmember Hahn
- Isaac Silk, Nicole Harris and Armando Davila, The Climate Mobilization
- Martin Borque, Berkeley Ecology Center
- Steve Nadel, Sunflower Alliance and Berkeley citizen
- Kathy Dervin, 350 East Bay

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Additional Debrief of Town Hall: *See notes from August 30th*

- Commitment cards didn't work as well as we hoped (people had left, level of officials were unable to sign on behalf of their city, etc.)
- Good to have public officials and climate and ecology justice groups together
- Good to hear from public officials what it takes - the resources, commitment and pace needed and the barriers (what are we not going to do if resources, commitments and pace is not what it needs to be)

Updates from D2 and others:

- Oakland working on passing a Climate Emergency Declaration - passed rule committee, then to public work committee (Dan Kalb, Abe Guillen, Rebecca Kaplan and Libby Schaff working on it) then goes before Council.
- Cupertino, Half Moon Bay and Emeryville exploring passing declarations and resolutions and identifying people to participate in the task force to plan the regional summit
- Richmond passed declaration and interested in playing a significant role in regional task force and summit planning
- CBE working on outreach to CJ orgs around participation in task force
- Press conference on hold until there is news - more cities/counties pass declarations and resolutions or we have date for regional summit
- Question about engaging business community
- GCAS letter emails and faxed - 35 people signed

Scope of Adhoc Committee:

- We can have our greatest impact where there is a whole - connect elected officials, regional coordination/information sharing; elected to elected.
- What is the right role for electeds? What is the gap we can fill?

- Go beyond policies and ideas to how do you get a city to actually do these things - that's about money and how our departments are organized.
- How do we put policy and programs into practice?
- Need to develop a timeline and plan in Berkeley and once we do it then we can push other cities to do this as well.
- We need much deeper discussions on how we are moving forward and what we are trying to do.
- Public support is over 80% and Black, Latino and Asian rate the highest. They need to be connected and have influence.
- We need to find creative funding.
- Scale is a very big barrier.
- Instead of a regional summit we can identify goals and message to get out through existing gatherings.
- Could join with UN and Air District for a regional gathering
- **Proposal:** Either Berkeley-focused mobilization or regional mobilization/summit (doesn't feel like we can do both well or multiple things well).
- Strong support for focusing on Berkeley - legislation, resources, mobilization. Need to coordinate with 2050 and Commissions.
- Need to follow through on resolution.
- **Decision:** Focus on Berkeley mobilization - legislation, resources, community, commissions

Berkeley Focus - process and goals:

- Climate Action Plan - at time this was seen as a model plan, some things were farmed out to Commissions and staff and are in various stages of motion; some are carrying dust; they got a big smack down from community based on cost (and failure of city to offer support and incentives needed).
- Need to bring enthusiasm of those newer to doing this with practical experience of those who have been doing it. And, just because it didn't work 5-years ago doesn't mean that we can't do it now.
- Need to be solution-oriented and need positive messaging.
- Don't want to focus on individual behaviors.
- Can learn from models in LA and Darebin and local resources like Movement Strategy Center's Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning, BAYCAN, UN meeting report back, etc.
- Need to get staff at the table with us.
- Town hall and other process to engage and educate people.

Spring Regional Summit - process and goals:

- 9 counties identify a specific target and goals
- Then we have to get real about what we are really talking about - an alternative economy and a very different way of operating as governments, businesses and consumers.

- In survey, 75% blamed individuals (said they weren't interested) - that's our job, to provide leadership.

Confirm next meeting time and agenda and standing day, time and frequencies:

- Next two meetings, Wednesdays from 11:30am-1pm.
- Standing meeting will be decided after.
- Next meeting: invite Tim Burroughs to attend with BCAC