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District 2

**CED Adhoc Sub-Committee**  
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**Participants:**

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- Councilmember Cheryl Davila and Legislative Aide Sara Kershner
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- Nicole Harris, Isaac Silk and Armando Davila, The Climate Mobilization
- Tom Kelly, Kyoto USA
- Richard Rollins, Sierra Club
- Steve Nadel, Sunflower Alliance
- Cate Ledger, Berkeley Energy Commission
- Kevin Bayuk, presenter from Urban Permaculture Institute
- Kelly Hammergren, resident
- Erin Diehm, Parks Commissioner
- Richard Rollins, Sierra Club
- Janet Stromberg, Berkeley Energy Commission
- Amy Halpern-Laff, presenter from Cool Blocks & Green Mondays
- Mona Mena, resident
- Martin Bourque, Ecology Center
- Susan Silber, Norcal Resiliency Network & BUSD Resiliency
- Linda Currie, Transition Berkeley

**Minute Review - 1-16-19:** Approved

**MINUTES:**

**Updates:**

- CEM Regional Task Force Launch for Reg'l CEM Mobilization in Richmond; 33 confirmations; outreach to nine counties; co-convened by UN Association.
- Announcement from Ecology Center: Electrification Expo at Ed Roberts Campus on Thursday, February 7th. During the day contractors, in the evening residents. 400 registered, room for 500.
- February 23rd - Transition Berkeley Resiliency Fair.
- **Berkeley Energy Commission finished Fossil Fuel Free report** and voted on it last Wednesday in response to Fossil Fuel Free Resolution and CED. Copies of report are available on the website and we can send out with notes.

## Presentation from Kevin Bayak from Urban Permaculture Institute and Project Drawdown

- Two years ago the Rockefeller Foundation put out an RFP for Resilient by Design for innovative thinking around climate change.
  - They put together a team called permaculture and social equity.
  - Infrastructure decisions and equity.
  - Developed resiliency planning methods with an equity lens and are piloting them in Marin City in Marin County in partnership with a community-led and driven effort on resilience and has resulted in a new non-profit and a people's plan.
  - ID'ed gaps - safe transportation to school; potential support for nature-based green infrastructure has adaptive strategies.
  - Created a capacity building training - five months - adding new strategies to existing priorities. For example, decentralized bio-soil and rain gardens that could easily be part of food security efforts that are already underway.
  - Derived by the community for retrofitting Marin City.
  - Working on capacity building to access resources that are necessary to implement.
  - San Mateo County received an \$800,000 Climate Adaptation planning grant from Caltrans to form a climate collaborative and form a collaborative and invited Institute in to formulate a similar effort.
  - CBOs are leading the effort and taking ownership. When things come top down no matter how well-intended they are end up mistrusting and opposing them.
  - **SO, equity is not only right it's also strategic and necessary in order to be effective.**
  - Support existing initiatives - communities are already doing things and we need to identify collectively if there are gaps.
  - **Moving from community engagement to community driven and led.** MSC has a great slide on this. *Kevin will send it and D2 will pass it on.*
- Working with Movement Strategy Center on a convening of Resiliency Planners.
  - There are good reference points - Seattle, Baltimore.
  - Another good resource is National Center for Resiliency Planning.
  - Need to integrate climate adaptation and mitigation into existing and urgent
- **Questions & Discussion**
  - *How can we make a ten-year sustained plan around community resilience in Berkeley?* Important to actually get resources to community-based organizations and groups in order to fund their participation and strengthen what they are already doing.
  - *Berkeley was one of the cities that first received a community-resiliency planning grant and we have a recently adapted plan? What elements would be different? Or is this really more about going to the next level and put our money where our mouth is?* Creating the plan is distinct from implementing the plan. Implementation mandate is that as those resources are developed, the community is picking the contractors and then the community mandate community benefits (i.e. training young people in skills). *How can we bring this to*

*scale in a city bigger than Marin City? What is the added value? An implementation process that resources community to be more completely involved and lead it.*

- *Very uncomfortable with the word adaptation - the climate emergency we are facing is not adaptable. Resiliency is beautiful but it embodies responding to a stressor in a way that is liveable. But it doesn't get to the emergency we face either. Permaculture, managing water and all these things. We can do them in ways that advance human life and well-being or that advance profit. Green New Deal trying to put breaks on it. I would urge us to rethink the term adaptation. **What we are doing is reinventing how we want to live.***
- *We are going to be nowhere unless we take on the moneyed interests - the profit and poverty issue. Berkeley is a different composition than Marin City, particularly those involved in advocating for climate action.*
- *Linking how resiliency sites can link into the people's plan. Yes, in the Marin City People's Plan was having a place that is both a showcase and a model and a movement generation place - a hub. Important to decentralize it.*
- *What role did the City or County play in the Marin City Project and in implementing the people's plan? It was a combination of government champions and building political pressure and power to hold government accountable to the plan. As part of the capacity building training we included advocacy and literacy training. Languaging the work that they were already doing to be heard by government. Invited in the Supervisor to come to meet the community more intimately to turn rhetoric to deeper commitment. This was a start not an end-point. A big part of building trust is directly moving resources to the community in the work. Also coaching the County through the value of transparency and vulnerability and also working with CBOs to do similar advocacy literacy. *We need to create an advocacy arm to pressure the city to do what's needed.**
- *There are paradigms that are being financed and promoted that are co-opting the environmental movement and trying to bend them to profitable means. For example, with the housing crisis - the widely accepted attitude that they are promoting is that it's government fault and what we need is less government.*
- *What should Berkeley do to take the next leap? Maybe fund community advocates but make sure resources get to community.*
- *Looking at resilience is very important but it's very different than looking at stopping climate disaster. We need to look at the intersection of the two together.*

### **Presentation from Amy Halpern-Laff from Cool Blocks and Green Monday**

- *D2 will send out PowerPoint - see PowerPoint for content*
- **Impact of Livestock on the Climate**
  - *Green Monday is a response to this - eating a more plant-rich diet and reducing our consumption of diet that exacerbates climate change*
  - *Statistics are in PowerPoint - i.e. 14.5-18% GHG Commissions come from livestock*
- **Cool Blocks**

- Video on PowerPoint that will go out
- Resiliency micro-hubs - blocks or buildings
- Effective messaging is the key to Cool Blocks
- Teams of 5-8 neighbors with a Cool Block Leader for nine meetings over a period of 5 months toward action (over 112 actions to choose from)
  - Two meetings on emergency preparedness
  - Two on carbon reduction
  - One on water
  - Two on block livability
  - One on citizenship and the City
- Meeting every two weeks - Cool Block leader hosts first or second and then rotates to other people's homes
- City is involved but not leading it.
- Local Carbon Diet is a similar but City was not involved. 2007/2008
- This really helps bring people together.
- How about taxes on factory farmed beef on corporations? Carbon tax.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Confirmed dates - February 27 and March 20: need to move meeting back and will check times and send out timing.
- Prompt them to bring a procurement schedule/plan.
- Proposal to extend CED Adhoc Sub-Committee until end of 2019 was raised.