

CJP Steering Committee Meeting #3
Breakout group activity - priority areas
January 25, 2024

Group 1

Facilitator: Monique

Participants (Names): John Maddalena, Kim Cortes-Martinez, Lorri O'Neill, Frida Teske

Notes:

- Kim: I really like the accountability metrics and setting smaller goals that ultimately lead us to the results we want.
- Inclement weather resilience
- Kim: Outreach and engagement – named what types of organizations would we want to engage in and strategic partnerships?
- Kim: Racial equity and understanding demographics / community data
- Lorri: A lot of food that was used was for indigenous gatherings (environmental justice) - nature plays a role in how we take care of it.
 - Growing up on the reservation and everything was seasonal (relied on deer meat, always sharing food/materials)
 - Native history - utilizing everything and not wasting everything
 - Reuse, recycle, reduce and everything is a spirit (fire, water)
 - Prayer ceremonies and give thanks for sustaining and appreciating us
 - It's a lot of work to take care of the land and that's why I encourage respect for the environment.
 - Green infrastructure – taking care of the land/environment
 - Environmental justice – land keepers
- Focus on certain places and naming it and citing it multiple times
- Frida: I like the proposed priority areas. I think they cover a lot of bases. I would like to see one that's about community leadership and community engagement. I think it's really important to have that instilled into the plan so that it can be implemented.
- John: Community engagement will be called out in multiple sections
- Frida: How to give them the tools so they can lead this?
- Moving the definitions of the plan to the beginning
- Assign 1 group member to report back the following:
 - Are you okay on proposed priority areas?
 - Did you add more?
 - Did you change or suggest the language?

Proposed priority area

- Climate resilience
- Economic justice
- Energy justice
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- Green infrastructure
- Transportation justice

Potential prompting questions for group discussion (sent SC members beforehand)

- Do you feel that the proposed priority areas align with the Framework's emergent themes? If not, how would you modify them?
- What type of information or resources would help to address the priority areas?
- Are there elements of the 2015 Climate Action Plan that you'd want to see in the Climate Justice Plan?
- How do these topics have the potential to bring about the most significant impact and foster collaboration within the communities you serve and are accountable to?
- Which climate justice-related topics are gaining prominence or becoming increasingly important in the communities you serve and are accountable to?
- Are there other areas where collective action or partnerships could significantly increase impact?

Group 2

Facilitator: Sonrisa

Participants (Names): Nakisha, Siraat, Sam G

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 - a. Missing was sustainable, affordable housing. People facing housing instability are disproportionately affected by extreme weather events. People suffering from high rent costs and energy burdens. Include with the existing six.
 - b. Was surprised to see that housing wasn't on the list. Can be part of climate resilience, but would like to add something about housing on there.
 - c. Indoor and outdoor air quality, but could also fall under environmental justice
 - d. Air quality falls under multiple - transportation, environmental justice

- What type of information or resources would help to address the priority areas?
 - a. Track people with asthma
 - b. EPA EJ maps. Some issues with relying on them, but can be good indicators.
 - i. Can it be used as an accountability tool? Depends how often it's updated. Not even relied on by the EPA in decisionmaking.
 - c. Distance to community resources

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- Which climate justice-related topics are gaining prominence or becoming increasingly important in the communities you serve and are accountable to?
 - a. APANO has been trying to build up EJ work. Green infrastructure is very top of mind. Not enough green spaces in the community, especially up and down ... can't get to a certain park, get herbs they want. With green infrastructure, needs a lot of support but very little implementation.
 - b. CEP does a lot of work in energy justice. NWN rate case coming up.
 - c. NCA: transportation justice, have been part of Rose Quarter lawsuit about I-5 crossing bridge, members of transportation coalitions. For EJ, working on establishing a workgroup around EJ siting policy modeled after laws passed in NJ and NY - would require leaders to perform an assessment when they're proposing to build or expand, and recognize EJ communities. Would prevent the development of industry in EJ communities that are already overburdened. EJ is a strategy in a number of systems. Working with youth, addressing current policies. Also starting to partner with an organization doing weatherization work - looking at a healthy homes partnership. Work on the healthcare aspect, wanting to network with more health professionals - doctors, community healthcare workers.

- Are there other areas where collective action or partnerships could significantly increase impact?
 - a. Having partners who are able to connect community with local land use issues - understanding zoning, permitting, construction, development. Intersection that does have impacts on air quality. Being able to link the forces that have power with various people impacted. Ex: Prologis site is just moving along.

Group 3

Facilitator: Jairaj

Participants (Names): Desiree Eden, Samantha Hernandez, Taren Evans, Xitlali Torres

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- Assign 1 group member to report back the following:
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- Xitlali - potentially adding Water Justice - and more clarification on EJ area - they are all considered EJ
- DesireeEden - Dissonance with the proposed areas - broad priority areas we might lose focus on grassroots and less on mainstream - priority areas - houseless folks can be resilient in our climate change - strategy should be priority (specifically the people in the community). First measure should be (ex. houseless folks) - measure how people are affected.
- Taren - priority areas don't resonate - we should get away from these traditional labels
 - Confused about this approach
 - Mindful about how we talk about framework - framework wasn't comprehensive and did not reach all communities - we need to do more conversations to develop these priority areas.
 - Shouldn't silo and categorize
- DE - traditional approach is easy to silo - ex) traditional approach is focusing on energy companies - we should focus on communities first.
- SH - veers off place based and EJ injustices - gets away from people's lived realities - associate this as traditional planning -
- XT - Shared Climate Action Plan of the CTUIR - more holistic approach
- DE - focus on people and places
- TE - need more thought on these - doesn't resonate with these
- DE - ex) focusing on specific neighborhood that is always affected by power outages

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