

CJP Steering Committee Meeting Notes

December 11, 2023 - Steering Committee Meeting #2

- Attendees: Jona, Nikisha, Xitlatli, Monique, Frida, Kim, Alma, Lorri, Samantha, Sam, Siraat, Desiree Eden, Jairaj, Soumary
- Community Care: + Show up whole self
- Nov Meeting Recap: If not a majority to show up, then we'll reschedule. Lean into your strengths.
- Google site: folks need access to documents.

Level Setting Activity

- Ways climate crisis impact your communities
 - Sam: June heat dome, impacts to communities of color not being recorded, AANIPI under report due to not being a burden, we do not have the whole picture (impact) and so we do not have the whole answer
 - Lorri: Sharing expands our knowledge. Native plains land - folks are impacted by drought. Ceremonial gatherings are changed to fit the seasons. Rising sea water is leading coastal tribes to higher ground - away from sacred ground, something they hold dear to traditional ways. How can I prepare? How can I create value in the community? Native philosophy, when you help others, you help yourself. You find a way forward. You bring out your best self. I'm scared. We have to talk to each other. We can't do this by ourselves. Especially the younger generation; give them something to be hopeful for. I'm here not for myself, but others. I'm learning to be selfless, not selfish. The elders and children need each other and us. Don't leave anyone out. I don't want war; war is ugly.
 - Kim: My family is from La Cuidad Mexico. Land was once a beautiful oasis - a lake. When colonialism hit, the oasis changed to a concrete jungle. What was once beautiful is now gone. Soil create on top. Earthquakes happen often. I call my grandmother immediately to make sure she's safe. After the earthquake, the air is different. Sun looks different.
 - Frida: I've a cousin in Mexico City. If she blows her nose, the tissue is black. It's true... Multnomah County youth impacts. Stuck in school until 5 pm due to snow. Friends don't have access to transit to return home. Not dress appropriately. Climate change is more, but also more unpredictable. Kids being stuck in school. People my age have to sacrifice their education to protest
 - Jona: Residents in North and inner NE. Heat domes affecting our elderly. African American communities are disbursement, no longer in concentrated area. Before, you could see each other in the neighborhood. When an elder died, how could we reach out, how could we support them - especially when services were being shut down. Heat and snow, and

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when there are economic injustices, can't remove yourself. In daughter's high school, wildfire smoke entered - led to issues including meeting with pulmonologist and a large healthcare institution Kaiser Permanente that we couldn't afford. We need each other.

- Alma: Our clients during extreme heat. Or don't turn on heat because of paying for heat. Bill repayment program is not enough. Current economic system continues to disenfranchise us.
- Jairaj: Seeing commonalities. We know a lot of this is happening.
- Vision:
 - Can we expand the prompts to cover more than our individual communities? Yes, can expand because this is Multnomah County coverage and we partner with other regional jurisdictions.
 - 5 dots: funding, statewide Indigenous youth conference
- Current Projects & Engagements
 - 2 dots: Northwest 0 facilitating community cohort group to learn and engage in the regulatory space, weatherization workshops, unite all PNW tribes to discuss deforestation and burning, connect community health workers
- Approaches
 - Accountability especially for our electeds
 - EJ citing policy
 - EJ
 - Inclusion age, ethnicity
- Reflections
 - Sam: Main concern, you can have all the plans but if no one is going to use them, then they don't really work. One of my personal goals is to understand how it's being tracked. If not doing well enough, what are the consequences?
 - Desiree Eden: Appreciate learning about others' projects and engagements. Feeling is of fear, concern, a little scare, we might not have the big picture. We're not bold enough. We're doing wonderful things but still in the dome.
 - Nikisha: A policy: there's the assessment and outcome. If the outcome shows, then don't do it.
 - Jona: In the exercise, I was thinking specifics. Would love to see we hold the electeds accountable. "Oh it's not the right political climate right now." We want them to be much more proactive. Get out in front of the campaigns. As we start calling people out, they can get the courage to speak up and stand up for what's right.

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- Nikisha: Be clear on how we support our electeds. It's easy to note how they are failing us. But recognizing that our communities who are electeds what they went through is a lot. What does it look like to support them? How to harness the power? That the community is showing up for them.
- Lorri: Have dialogue with community members. Share their personal experiences and triumphs in turning their problems around. For example, recycle/reuse, reduce bring awareness. We have our own strengths we bring to this table. We share our different perspectives. I'm about nature, water, grass - trees have their language. They know how to get ready for winter by changing colors in autumn. The flowers know when to hibernate to bloom in the spring.

Questions - Flip chart board

- Who's tracking when the plan is done? Implementation community advisory group. Could be 2025 to have that group running. Looking at additional funding for this body. Whether this group or new folks. Also, City of Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability and Multnomah County Office of Sustainability.
- Will this plan have measurable outcomes? Yes. In proposed document, there's a section for measures of success. 5 and 1 year goals.
- How to hold the City accountable to outcomes? Don't know yet. They are going through the new Chief Sustainability Officer will be under the City Manager.
- Could we do a youth forum on climate policies? Could tap into TEEA on MYC.
- Instead of one big summit, go to your events.
- How would it integrate the best available science? It's a co-created plan. We'll use evidence based information before it goes through the chain. In the framework, there are several pages about how we engaged community. We also incorporate plans from other groups.
- CJP Structure & Overview
 - Missing implementation section
- Potential hosts
 - 16 people
 - Jona - space free and open

Next steps

- Make google site documents accessible
- Send document with different climate-related plans