

CJP Steering Committee Meeting Notes

April 22, 2024 - Steering Committee Meeting #6

- Attendees: Samantha, Xitlali, Sam, Taren, Siraat, John, Lorri, Kim, Nakisha, Desiree Eden, Jona, John W, Jairaj, Sonrisa, Monique
- Absence: Alma, Frida
- Intros
 - Warm up question: What is your favorite Earth Day memory or activity?
 - Introduce guest - Andria Jacob, City of Portland BPS

Universal Goals - draft update

- Held an optional workshop on 4/9 about draft universal goals. Focused on the ones that got thumbs down votes. Started to compile feedback around for clarity on targeted strategies. Added descriptions to each one. Continuing to add feedback and work together to refine the language.
- Please add comments and suggested edits for the descriptions.
- “Every community member has access to affordable clean energy” – there was a big discussion on this that wasn’t captured in the notes. Based on the optional workshop, we came to the conclusion that this was broad and clear enough. Access to affordable clean energy as well as energy democracy (i.e., community solar). Didn’t have time to work on the language but people should add suggestions if they have them.

Understanding Targeted Strategies

- Reminder about February Mural board activity. Next step is to ask “how might we...” to begin identifying potential strategies and positive impacts.
- The action and policy steps are designed to achieve the climate justice goals.
- What communities/groups are furthest away from the universal goals? We make more progress on the universal goal when we focus on the groups most impacted by the goal.
 - Example: What are strategies that lead to clean air?
- We want to continue to evaluate the strategies in the way we thought would be affected? The universal goals will be static over a period of time, but the strategies will need to be flexible over time.
- It’s a 5 year plan – when we set out with the 2015 Climate Action Plan, we had 270 actions in that plan.
 - There were too many and the overarching goal of the plan was reducing carbon emissions & it’s still a goal, but we are focused on groups that need to be targeted & have intervention.
- Type of action on a government level (Multnomah County)
 - Change county code
 - Created indoor air regulation

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- Create/fund program
 - Create a program for distributing air filters for Black residents
- Advocacy
 - Advocating to other jurisdictions who have authority (ie City of Portland, Metro)
 - Example we saw examples with industrial resources & we got the law changed to include health to be required to be evaluated when looking at permits for polluters.
- Game Changers
 - Government is only one perspective and may not believe something is politically feasible (ie PCEF)
- Mutual Aid
 - Groups getting together to build low cost air filter systems for classrooms
- Governance “third space”
 - Government and community collaboration and creating a space of empower
- Sam: this list seems very much what government can do
 - Allowing communities to gather – where would that fit in
- Kim: I feel content with this list
- Siraat: CEP does workshops to inform them about different topics related to clean energy & we also ask them for feedback and what their priorities are?
- Xitlali: Yes I was going to say education and community empowerment (which could mean a lot of different things)
- Desiree Eden: I like this category of “game changers”. Individual actions for people.
- Jona: Expand upon the third space: what it means and type of actions?
 - "community integrated engagement and organizing"
 - Terminology from "Integrated Voter Engagement"
https://funderscommittee.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/fccp_integrated_voter_engagement_case_studies_2009_final.pdf
- Desiree Eden: Also aspect of education and knowledge learning by individuals. Each person has their own journey of climate justice and a plan to bring folks along would be helpful

Mural board activity - begin initial strategy development for 2 universal goals strategies

- **Group 1:** Every community member has the opportunity to contribute to climate justice in Multnomah County.

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- **Group 2:** Every community member has access to affordable, reliable, and safe transit, biking, and pedestrian infrastructure.
 - a. Impacted Community
 - i. Who is disproportionately impacted?
 - ii. Which community is most impacted or would be impacted by this universal goal?
 - b. Targeted Strategy
 - i. Why is this strategy especially helping the impacted community?
 - ii. Where or what area in Multnomah County will this strategy take place?
 - iii. How will this strategy help the impacted community?
 - c. Type of Action
 - i. How would you describe or label this targeted strategy?
 - d. Implementation
 - i. Who would be responsible for working and taking action on this strategy?
 - e. Accountability measures
 - i. How often should we report metrics or on progress and what should be the method?
 - ii. What should be measured?
 - iii. What would be the consequences of not meeting metrics or progressing on the targeted strategy?

Summary of mural board activity

Universal Goal: Every community member has the opportunity to contribute to climate justice in Multnomah County.

Impacted Communities

- Youth
- Immigrant and refugees
- Low income households

Targeted Solutions:

- Participatory Budgeting (schools, libraries)
- Fund Pathways for climate education and action for students attending schools in districts other than PPS
- MultCo Champions statewide advocacy campaign to create EJ and CJ curriculum, that is integrated with science classes

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- Utilizing spaces like schools to educate about climate - popular education and train the trainer models
- Fund Community Led Cumulative Health Risk Studies focused on frontline communities near superfund sites / CEI hubs
- Evacuation plans (collaborative community/government plan)
- Community plans - cumulative impact studies
- More flexible funding for CBOs to provide services

Universal Goal: Every community member has access to affordable, reliable, and safe transit, biking, and pedestrian infrastructure.

Impacted Communities

- Kids
- people who don't have a car
- people who can't drive
- people with mobility issue
- People experiencing homelessness

Targeted Solutions

- Advocate for health or EJ impact zones for permitting decisions to avoid issues like Prologis siting. This idea could use proximity to Title-1 schools for permitting purposes.
- Tax on uber and lyft tied to time of day to charge more when it's busy.
- More EV infrastructure, especially at MultiFamily housing
- Buses that run on renewable energy and are more reliable.
- Make resources more accessible, with system navigators.