CJP Steering Committee Meeting Notes

September 26, 2024- Steering Committee Meeting #10

- Attendees:, Xitlali Torres, Siraat Younas, Frida Teske, Taren Evans, Alma Pinto, Kim Cortes-Martinez, Nakisha Nathan, Samantha Hernandez, Sam Guthman, Desiree Eden Ocampo, John W, Monique, Jairaj
- Absent: John Maddalena, Lorri O'Neill, Sonrisa

CJP Workplan Update

- Forwarded meeting materials
- Reviewing CJP and SC process (original timeline was ending in Aug) but more next steps
- Developed "cut-sheets" - detailed with strategies - seeking feedback - sharing examples today
- Developed a one pager - to provide a message on purpose and share who we are - we are open to feedback or have any ideas.
- Next steps: 2-3 additional meetings - checking in individually about compensation - not approving this plan until new year winter - elections coming up - 3 new county commissioners expected to be sworn in in the next year.
- Seeking feedback on the different components of targeted strategies - what should staff be focusing on as we are developing these strategies - big part for Oct/Nov. Want to showcase either in-person or survey.
- Staff will then take that feedback to do more research and refinement on the universal goals. Engage with your organization, networks, and communities to gather feedback on proposed strategies.
- Host event to showcase strategies & gather feedback from community partners.
- The Steering Committee will do a final vote on the draft CJP.

Comments from SC

- Jona - thought we talked about doing a community event - should we hold a date / venue?
- John W. - definitely want to do an event - we need to develop strategies further - potential poster board for each of the goals with all targeted strategies. Good feedback for staff to start coordinating. Board adoption will be the end point of the planning process but no specific date set.
- Jona - plan could align with ACSI's annual letter
- John W. - ACSI support will be great - but they can also send a letter anytime
- Desiree Eden - work with commissioners and context setting - a lot of work could be undone - ground conversations with incoming county commissioners - provide

history of work - concerned special interest could potentially take over / make alterations / derail.
- John W. - confirming with DE that they are suggesting that we need to demonstrate the narrative and context of the plan with partners and commissioners.
- John W. - Throughout the entire plan we are going to be sharing and documenting the process and all the people involved. As we talk about the plan we will continue to mention this. Everything will be approved by the Steering Committee. We will gather feedback but may not necessarily change plans - will always go through SC.
- Monique - opportunities for SC to be advocates - and be part of the briefings in the new year. Community engagement moving forward will be presenting and getting feedback in the fall and winter.

Introducing cut sheets - universal goals and strategies

- John W. - going over glossary and sharing examples - universal goals related to: clean energy, fossil fuel risk, housing

Thoughts and questions from SC:
- Taren - thinking about readiness/current state - are we just talking about MultCo? Important to capture existing work being done.
- John W. - struggling with this column - when are things ready to move? Things can get accomplished in a single legislative session. This process is subjective and surveying landscape can be impossible - reason why we are focusing on MultCo. But would like to hear feedback on what would be helpful to y'all.
- Monique: based on community projects with SC members, how do you all scope out community readiness?
- Desiree Eden: example of her DEI and justice work - the board might be ready - but if staff is not ready - it's not ready. Thinking that this plan around readiness is similar - this plan is for the county - but needs to assess the county's readiness. If there are too many places where it can't then it shouldn't. Revise definition that there may be different pockets ready but the whole county we may not be ready.
- Monique: example of active transportation projects - heard from BRU around long term funding to these projects to serve everyone better.
- John W. - OPAL youthpass example. Jona also brought up HEART standards - funding, city staff buy-in, political support, but didn't follow through because they didn't have the political support.
- Frida - testifying on YouthPass to get more funding on Friday - to Senator Gorkic and Rep. McLain

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- John W - feedback from City of Portland / Vivian - “most important thing was giving a roadmap for the action for advocates and CBOs - who is responsible for this - tell me who I have to advocate to.” What is of value to SC or your opinions on details about readiness?
- Monique - we have discussion questions - top of cut sheets we have description and why it matters.
- Desiree Eden - from chat: “yes it has a lot of value and also needs to be dialed in. it would also acknowledge to the public our awareness of how much work it will take and how far we are from getting to the goal, indirectly showing where more investments are needed”
- Siraat from chat: I agree there is value there. also helps with setting realistic timelines.

  <u>Going over cut-sheets (introduce & feedback):</u>

  Clean energy goal
  - Sam: Measuring impact - see something about holding utility companies accountable and more regulation. It’s hard to talk about the energy strategies when the utility companies undermine. Adding language on putting reasonable caps for those hikes – protecting pathways to clean energy. Calling out the for profit utility sectors for not holding their promises to the community.
  - Desiree Eden: To go deeper into the measurement of how many people have their utilities shut off.... take into consideration those whose utilities would have been shut off had it not for orgs who paid for it so that it wouldn't..... choosing between rent, food, utilities, as Sam mentioned
  - Alma: We have so many advocates working at a statewide level on these same issues & policies and it’s very oriented on a statewide level. What is the County authority with this? What can a region do? It seems very much trapped to state authority only.
  - Jona: Agreeing with Alma +Sam. While Multco might not be a regulator, the county has indirect levers - buildings, grants, retirement, health rights, that could help push this policy through. Or pressure on the state. Trying to think creatively beyond strict jurisdictional/regulatory authority.
  - Jona: Reporting on the health impacts of a lack of clean energy and costs to the govt when we don't have it. The County can continue to produce reports that can be used by community groups to track progress or lack thereof.
  - John W: We the people have influence over PUC, state bills, etc. We can have impact on utilities without a direct action. We’ve been creative on

grants (weatherization, efficiency, etc). Silvia's role is a choice the county makes to have a deep expert. Room for creativity. In all of the goals, we'll find that the county isn't the primary decision maker, there are reactionary forces that push against anything we do.

- Monique: Opportunities to be the leader in the region, intersectional benefits/overlap?
- Alma: Positive note: Bill discount, weatherization, EE policies are very fluid and not set in stone. Looking for broader stakeholder outreach/community members on 2211.
- Monique: break out what the county and community can do
- John W from chat: We can bring that coalition model, inside outside, etc to all the goals
- John W: A lot of factors can add/take away momentum, so right now we kept it vague but could be more specific if the committee wants.
- Nakisha: Keeping it vague helps to not box people in or causes people to be discouraged.
- Jona: Maybe we don't want to prescribe, but maybe leave room for the coalition to innovate. Document longevity - allows creativity and flexibility if the document is still broad.
- John W: We want measures to be focused to see if we're moving towards the goals.
- Taren: What would qualitative measures look like? Quantitative metrics alone won't accurately represent how things are going.
- John W: EJ snapshot without the CCC focus groups/surveys/lived experiences, we found out so much more from the data. Ability for quantitative metrics to only tell part of the story.
- Jona from chat: "Glad to hear that we don't have to be super specific. I'm hoping to see justice realized through increased workforce development in Black & Brown communities."
- Jona from chat: "How the workforce development is incorporated into the justice piece may need to change drastically as we have not always done a good job historically with inclusivity."
- Desiree Eden: Overarching guide to have qualitative data for each universal goal. Make sure to call out that strategies can change over time, and acknowledge that achieving the all the strategies might not achieve the universal goal.
- Jairaj from chat: "Climate Justice is not only possible, but the possibilities are endless!"
- Monique: frontline communities are not just most impacted, but their good work is also strategically undervalued.

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- Xitlali: it's a good start of an outline, and excited to see how it'll come together. More on partnerships and addressing accountability at multiple scales.
- Samantha: how folks from green energy institute could be a good institute. Path to 2050 to decarbonize oregon's economy - who can do what, etc. Community engagement should have a more general version, and specific full version should be used for others. Lots of text.
    - From chat: here is the report that may be of help
    - https://law.lclark.edu/live/files/33826-gei-oregon-decarbonizaton-pathway-analysis-2022
- Xitlali from chat: I think context to how the plan will work with other plans at different levels is good to know
- Siraat: Great idea to get GEi on board, in favor of open-ended. This goal is a good opportunity to show that PUC, Multco, legislature have the same goals. The cut sheet addresses more stuff (ex: social cost of carbon) than are currently being worked on.
- John W: Hoping to get approval to move forward with the "protein"/structure of the plan.
- Monique: Timeline for getting feedback back: a month? Reconvene in early november/end of october. One week and staff will send out all the cut sheets with specific asks for the committee feedback. Next meeting: Wed, Oct 23.