

EJLW Meeting #4

Meeting Date: January 25th, 2021, 6-8PM.

Objectives:

1. Warm up & get to know each other
2. Discuss Climate Action Plans (homework)
3. Learn about and discuss Phase I results
4. Next steps & what's coming up for EJLW

Pre-Meeting Materials:

1. Watch [10 minute Business As Usual emissions video](#)
2. Spend 30-60 minutes skimming/reading one of the following Climate Action Plans and take notes on what you liked/didn't like: [Providence](#), [Eugene](#), [King County](#)
3. Optional: Watch [30 minute video on City planning, budgeting, and policy process](#)
4. Optional: review Phase I Community Engagement Results slides in advance of presentation during Meeting #4.

Meeting #4 Notes:

- **Attendance:** Monica, Jeffrey, Patricia, Alexia, Milly, Sandra ([interpreter](#)), Michelle, Dylan, Ashley
 - Staff: Raeshawna Ware, Erin Dilworth, Marquis Mason, Emma Keese, Kristin Lynett, Kyla Wilson, Patrick Babbitt
 - Absent: Aarin, Tera
- **Land acknowledgement:** Instead of Staff sharing a land acknowledgement from the [Puyallup Tribe of Indians web resources](#), Patricia gave a land acknowledgement for Meeting #4.
- Raeshawna shared a "Win" from last meeting:
 - All got to know each other and why this work is important to us a bit more through our climate justice show-and-tell warm-up during Meeting #3.
- EJ Leaders broke into two break out rooms to share personal and/or Workgroup related New Year's Resolutions
 - Workgroup Resolutions Breakout Room 1:
 - Worried about splitting the work over the 12 meetings and wanting to make sure the work doesn't end up squeezed into the final meetings. Being proactive with action in upcoming meetings.
 - Workgroup Resolutions Breakout Room 2:
 - City of Tacoma and Citizens for a Healthy Bay be better advocates, especially for the Puyallup Tribe, and especially in terms of meaningful consultation, as dictated by the [Puyallup Land Claims Settlement Act](#)
 - EJLW not be "put in a box" - need space to cultivate this work
 - A plan for how this work and workgroup will operate after the Plan is published

- EJ Leaders broke into three break out rooms based on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) they reviewed for homework to discuss what they liked or didn't like about the Plan's formatting / appearance, guiding principles / core values, sustainability sectors, strategies / actions, goals / indicators, work groups / stakeholders, engagement process details / structure
 - Each CAP group took notes in a shared document and then reported main takeaways back to the rest of the Workgroup
- Kyla & Emma shared a presentation of the Phase I Community Input so far
- EJ Leaders participated in a Miro activity to share which top sustainability priorities, barriers to sustainability, and community concerns from the Phase I Community Input were most important to share with City Council and to keep in mind for future climate action planning. EJ Leaders also added additional comments on barriers and priorities to be included that were not fully captured during community engagement.
 - EJ Leaders emphasized the importance of the Sustainability Priority: We need a healthy ecosystem free of pollution to protect human and nature welfare
 - EJ Leaders emphasized the barrier to sustainability: Inequitable prioritization and allocation of resources to areas of need in Tacoma
 - Additional comments:
 - City planning needs to be in collaboration and consultation with Puyallup Tribe
 - Focus on inequitable impact of co-pollutants on health & future generations
 - Focus on interdependency of natural and human systems
 - More transparency and community leadership in environmental monitoring and reporting
 - Community priorities don't all align with the greatest GHG emissions based on the 2019 inventory. Transportation is the largest source of emissions but there are non-transportation related issues that need to be addressed too.
- The meeting was closed with a brief overview of what will be covered in the February meeting and time for questions and other feedback on the EJ Leader Workgroup process so far.
 - At our February 22 meeting, we will cover:
 - EJLW's guiding principles
 - EJLW sectors / categories for recommendations
 - EJLW strategies that cross all categories
 - EJ Leaders requested pre-meeting homework be sent more than 1 week in advance of meetings
 - Staff will try to prepare homework materials sooner and send homework assignments soon as materials are ready
 - EJ Leaders ask for the City of Tacoma's definition of sustainability
 - Staff shared 2008 Council Resolution 38247 definition
 - Monica suggested the EJ Leaders could write their own definition of sustainability for the Workgroup
 - Additional notes:

- Phase I Community Engagement Report will be published in February
- Staff are giving an update on climate action planning to City Council February 16th, a link to the meeting will be shared via email if EJ Leaders would like to attend.

Additional Resources from Meeting #4 Discussion:

- Ashley recommended looking at the census data for the 3 cities and 1 county who's plans we've been building from in comparison to Tacoma: [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: King County, Washington; Eugene city, Oregon; Fort Collins city, Colorado; Providence city, Rhode Island; Tacoma city, Washington](#)
- City Council's definition of sustainability: <https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/sustainability/resolution38247-sustainability.pdf>
- EJLW Calendar: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fyrks8VB5UYuyLYYBafRI9m2PDY2opkM/e>