

# EJLW Meeting #6

Meeting Date: March 15th, 2021, 6-8PM.

## Objectives:

1. Warm up & get to know each other
2. Jennifer Keating sharing information on the Puyallup Tribe
3. Social time and discussion of environmental justice in small groups
4. Build on homework to brainstorm ideas for EJLW portion of the Climate Action Plan.

## Pre-Meeting Materials:

1. Watch [Low Carbon Scenario Video](#) (13 minutes)
2. Watch Miro tutorial (5 minutes) and complete the tasks described within. In brief:
  - a. Complete February's homework of sticky notes of 3 important things for the plan if you haven't done so.
  - b. Read other people's ideas and leave comments or respond to existing comments in both the Climate Action Brainstorming frame and the Feedback frame. Add any additional content that wasn't captured and/or new ideas you want to ensure are included.
  - c. Optional: If you don't know where to start, go back to other plans we've reviewed (Eg [Providence](#), [King County](#), [Eugene](#), [Fort Collins](#)). We also created [this document](#) summarizing key principles and actions in plans shared with the group. Feel free to borrow ideas or use them as inspiration.

## Meeting #6 Notes:

- **Attendance:** Aarin, Tera, Monica, Alexia, Michelle, Dylan, Ashley, Milly & Sandra (interpreter)
  - Staff: Raeshawna Ware, Emma Keese, Kristin Lynett, Kyla Wilson
  - Absent: Patricia
- **Opening poll:** What are you looking forward to as the better weather returns? What is your next "dream" sustainable transportation purchase? and Does the third Monday of the month from 6-8pm still work for you? This is for April-June meetings.
- **Land acknowledgement:** Led by guest speaker Jennifer Keating
- **Notes on Puyallup Tribal Government involvement in Tacoma's Climate Justice Action Plan (Talking points from Jennifer Keating, Puyallup Tribal Member and Senior Planner, Board Member of Citizens for a Healthy Bay)**
  - Tribal Council delegates the responsibility to attend non-elected meetings including meetings concerning the tideflats subarea planning and other environmental justice issues to Tribal Staff however, Tribal Council does attend many of these meetings at the elected to elected level. Andrew Strobel (Planning Department Director) sits on the Engagement

Subcommittee, and having two Puyallup voices as part of the EJLW is essential.

- EJLW can consider briefing Tribal Council monthly, quarterly, to confirm that the direction of the draft plan is meeting Tribal needs and priorities via ARF
- CHB and City staff can help facilitate this
- The EJLW should operate with a lens of centering the needs of the Puyallup Tribe in their work to update the plan
- [The Land Claims Settlement Act of 1990](#) covers “substantial actions” and outlines “a procedure for consultation regarding proposed land use actions and resolving potential future land use and development conflicts, including future trust lands or changes in use of current trust lands; and law enforcement cooperation.”
  - While we know that this agreement has been broken by City of Tacoma, City of Fife, City of Puyallup, Pierce County, and Washington State - the development of a planning document such as Tacoma’s Climate Justice Action Plan is not covered under this agreement without substantial impacts to treaty protected fishing rights, cultural resources or tribal trust/fee properties. The Tribe will however, be provided an opportunity review and offer comments on any planning documents as SEPA reviewers.
- Social time and discussion of environmental justice in small groups: Moved to next month due to lack of time.
- Climate Plan Brainstorming Activity. EJLW members broke into three groups to discuss the following three questions and review related resources. Each group took notes on the shared Miro board.
  - What are the root causes (social, economic, environmental) of climate injustice here in Tacoma?
  - What values should drive the City’s Climate Justice Action Plan? How should this Plan prioritize actions?
  - What areas should the City’s Climate Justice Action Plan focus on?
- The meeting was closed with a brief overview of what will be covered in the April meeting
  - At April meeting:
    - Build on ideas you put in Miro, organizing
    - Possible implementation actions
  - Stipends – EJ Leaders received \$401 of their \$1,000 stipend already, which leaves \$599 left. The remainder will be sent out in three stipends. The first \$200 will be sent out in March, the second \$200 in June and the final \$199 in September.
  - March Meeting - We only had one person express interest in an extra March meeting so at this point we are thinking it makes sense to cover those in other ways (in one-on-ones, in shorter form during regular meetings, in office hours etc) and not have a second full March meeting.

- Poll Questions: How did you like the structure of a deep-dive with one small break-out group to discuss actions in detail? and What's something that came up that you wanted more time for?

## **Additional Resources from Meeting #6 Discussion:**

- Puyallup Tribe Climate Emergency Declaration:  
<http://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/tribal-council-signed-climate-emergency-resolution/>
- Common tire chemical implicated in mysterious deaths of at-risk salmon:  
<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/12/common-tire-chemical-implicated-mysterious-deaths-risk-salmon>
- Podcast <https://growinggoldproject.com/> that asks the question: What would it look like, within the next 50 years, for Seattle to become a place where both trees and humans grow old? “awesome for contextualizing for me a lot of the ways that this landscape has changed since colonization.”
- The Homestead Act of 1862 and how land was sold  
<https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/homestead-act#:~:text=President%20Abraham%20Lincoln%20signed%20the,ay%20a%20small%20registration%20fee.>
- Beginner friendly info on the Growth Management Act:  
<http://www.futurewise.org/growth-management-act>