City of Oakland, ECAP ad hoc Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, April 30, 2019 meeting
Oakland City Hall, 1st Floor, Hearing Room 3

Item 1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:10pm by City staff facilitator, Shayna Hirshfield-Gold.

Item 2. Roll Call
At roll call, quorum was established with 10 committee members present, four committee members excused, and two alternate members present.

Committee Members	Present	Excused
Najee Amaranth		X
Nicole Bratton	X	
Ryder Diaz	X	
Anne Olivia Eldred		X
Margaret Gordon	X	
Barbara Haya		X
Navina Khanna	X	
Jody London	X	
Ryan Schuchard	X	
Susan Stephenson		X
Tyrone "Baybe Champ" Stevenson Jr.	X	
Dominic Ware	X	
Jacky Xu	X	

Alternates	Present	Excused
Brian Beveridge	X	
Bruce Nilles	X	

Introductions were made.

Staff Attendees: Shayna Hirshfield-Gold, Daniel Hamilton, Danielle Makous, Jared O'Shaugnessy

Item 3. Public Comment

- Barbara Rhine with No Coal Oakland and 350 Bay Area wants to help the City figure out what to do with the 47 ECAP priorities and make the climate emergency declaration seem like an actual emergency; she wants Oakland to have first local Green New Deal, with jobs in frontline communities a priority; she wants Oakland to determine public direction on climate change and believes Oakland should stand out and be a good leader for the planet
- Jack Fleck with 350 Bay Area is excited to work with the City and Committee and support ECAP development

Question (Gordon): How do we respond to public comment? They should have public comment cards.

Item 4. Agenda Modification

➔ No motions were made to modify the agenda

Item 5. Overview of the Purpose of the ECAP ad hoc Advisory Committee

Shayna Hirshfield-Gold, Acting Sustainability Program Manager and ECAP Project Manager, gave an overview of the structure of the ECAP team, introduced the City's hired consultant teams, and outlined the City Council Resolution directing the formation of an ECAP ad hoc Community Advisory Committee be made to advise City staff during ECAP creation.

Request from Navina Khanna to withhold from using the word "guys" in favor of being less gender normative.

Item 6. Progress to Date on Development of 2030 ECAP and Community Engagement

Shayna Hirshfield-Gold gave a presentation of the ECAP structure, timeline, costs, and equity principles. She also presented graphics that visualize changes in Oakland's Core (or local) greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from 2005 baseline through 2017, demonstrating that we are not on track to achieve our 2020 GHG target of 36% reduction compared to our 2005 baseline.

Committee initiated a round of clarifying questions and comments, limited to 2 minutes each. All questions and responses are ***summarized*** below.

- Margaret Gordon:
    1. Staff should be using less time in the meeting for their own presentations
    2. Request for a list of terms and definitions to be given to the committee to make language more accessible and understandable
    3. Some of the ECAP scope and structure should be rolled back until the committee has consensus about shaping what they want the scope to be. Consultants should not have been hired until after advisory committee signed off.
    4. City staff is lacking bottom up data and guidance on the ECAP and GHG material presented
- Navina Khanna:
    1. Do "building" emissions section on the graphics include emissions made during the construction of new buildings?
        - Daniel Hamilton (City Staff): No, the building emissions are a measurement of energy usage only when building operations have begun. Construction emissions, meaning the emissions that come from transporting materials and building a structure, are included in our Consumption Inventory.
    2. Should we use this data to inform how many construction projects should be happening at once?
- Ryder Diaz:
    1. What is included in the Port's emissions?
        - Shayna Hirshfield-Gold: All truck and freight operations that occur on Port property. One of the GHG graphics included ocean-going vessels (OGV), and the other did not, reflecting two approaches to data analysis.
        - Margaret Gordon: This is also referred to as "Goods Movement Action"
- Bruce Nilles:
    1. Is it possible to separate out electricity use and natural gas use in the buildings sector?

        - Daniel Hamilton: We can get you that data separated.
    2. Is it possible to get more recent data than 2017?
        - Daniel Hamilton: We collect these data points from over two dozen sources, and all of them have different protocols for when they make their data public. For example, PG&E doesn't make their usage data or emissions factor public for at minimum a year later. Some other data source might be willing to get us more recent data, and we use our relationships to get us data as fast as possible.
    3. How can this Committee help the City get data quicker? We should think through this moving forward.
- Brian Beveridge:
    1. When saying a 56% reduction of GHGs by 2030, what metrics are we trying to use? When talking about estimated costs of the original ECAP, we should be thinking not just about the financial costs, but also about return on investment in the form of non-conventional metrics such as public health improvements, hospital bill reductions, etc.
    2. We need a clarification on the actual scope of the ECAP.
    3. City departments should be integrating their strategic plans into the ECAP. There was a City staff person at an AB 617 committee meeting giving them pushback about planting trees.
    4. When talking about fuel-switching and electrification, we need to talk about the real cost of that for home owners/renters/etc. and how expensive it truly is.
- Jody London:
    1. Do we pull out City government GHG emissions from our emissions inventory?
        - Shayna Hirshfield-Gold: Yes. Local government operations generally ranges from about 1-2% of the total, community-wide GHG emissions total. Staff are still finalizing the Local Government inventory.
- Nicole Bratton:
    1. Echoes Ms. Margaret's call for more accessible language and terminology, and for a list of terms to be provided to the Committee.
    2. There are too many organizations in Oakland trying to do the same things under their own umbrella. We all need to do better at working together
- Tyrone "Baybe Champ" Stevenson Jr.:
    1. Echoes the desire to have more clarity and transparency around what the City is prioritizing.
    2. Echoes Bruce's call to get better, more recent data.
- Dominic Ware:
    1. Can we please get print outs of the PowerPoint presentation and the GHG emissions data and graphics for each year?
        - Shayna Hirshfield-Gold: Yes. We can include a graphic that shows the baseline 2005 data projected against our 2020, 2030, and 2050 targets with a trend line that shows if we are on target
    2. What is the main reason we are off track?
        - Daniel Hamilton: The Transportation sector is keeping us behind
        - Jody London: Oakland's GHG pie chart looks the same for most Bay Area jurisdictions, with the Transportation sector making up about half of cities' total GHG emissions, the Building sector making up about a third, and the industry sector (in Oakland this would be the Port but other cities have different industry) making up a significant remainder.
- Ryan Schuchard and Jacky Xu decline their time to ask questions

Item 7. Structure and Goals of the Committee

➔ A motion to **establish a small working group of six or fewer committee members to develop a proposal for the committee's structure, protocols, and practices moving forward** was made (Khanna) and seconded (Gordon).

Discussion on the motion: The Working Group will organize themselves to meet in the next week or so, and their presentation for the group will be completed by the next meeting date. The working group is voluntary, made up of the following volunteers: Margaret Gordon, Dominic Ware, Brian Beveridge, Nicole Bratton, and Jody London.

The motion passed with all voting in favor.

Item 7a. Chair Nomination

This agenda item was removed from the agenda with the passing of the previous motion to create a working group before voting on a committee chair.

Item 7b. Rules and bylaws

This agenda item was removed from the agenda with the passing of the previous motion to create a working group before voting on committee structure and procedure.

➔ A motion to **have the next meeting be a special meeting in one month's time, committed to deciding the committee's structure, protocols, and practices instead of addressing real ECAP content** was made (Beveridge) and seconded (Bratton).

Discussion on motion: Shayna will send out a Doodle Pool for the special meeting that will be held in May, and a separate Doodle Poll for the regular monthly meetings that will convene after the May special meeting.

The motion passed with all voting in favor.

Item 8: Public Comment

- Catherine Kessler with the Neighborhood Leadership Cohort, expressed concern about pesticide/herbicide use and the public health and air quality impacts of the toxic substances, wants the committee to include the topic in discussion
- Shreya Shankar urges the committee to look beyond just the GHG data points and lift up the lived experience of GHG emissions; the ECAP should be an anti-displacement plan and the committee and City staff should explicitly talk about black and brown people on the frontlines; reminder that once the 2030 ECAP is adopted the ad hoc Committee will be dissolved, and encourages everyone to look long-term about how the Committee will stay engaged and make accountability more long-term
- David Ralston wants committee to lift up the displacement impacts that ECAP efforts and action might have, and discuss how the ECAP actions will prevent displacement; introduces Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) in Oakland and how the 2020 ECAP did not use the PCA land use maps but encourages the use of the maps for the 2030 ECAP; recognizes that for some ECAP items the only barrier is political will, so how can the community support those actions and influence Council to have more political will for those topics?

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.