

Meeting Notes
AB 617 Stockton Trees Subcommittee Meeting #1
Sept. 2, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

CSC

- Ned Leiba
- Margo Praus
- Mary Elizabeth
- Nate Knodt
- Jonathan Pruitt – Catholic Charities
- Cynthia Lau – EJCW
- Jeff Wingfield – Port of Stockton
- Gene Fuss
- Jen Flores

Agency Partners

- Oluchi Njoku – City of Stockton
- Scott Wall – CARB

Public Participants

- Nicholas Tamayo – Little Manila Rising
- Brianna Garcia – Little Manila Rising
- Marlon Regisford

Short Presentation by Jessica Olsen, Valley Air District – Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities

- Requesting volunteers to facilitate future meetings
 - Brianna Garcia volunteered to work with Little Manila to facilitate the next meeting

Volunteer to facilitate meetings

(if no volunteer, District and facilitation team to run meeting as requested)

•FACILITATION

- run down agenda during meeting

•AGENDA

- work with CSC and District to set agenda (to be sent at least 3 days before meeting)

•NOTES

- take notes or appoint CSC member to take notes

•REPORT OUT

- facilitator or note-taker to report during stating update at next CSC meeting

Aaron Tarango, with the Valley Air District, provided overview of vegetative barrier and urban greening program for Stockton.

- District to draft, and CSC to review, project plan to submit to CARB
 - o Will closely resemble [approved project plan from Fresno](#)
- After CARB approves project plan, release Request for Proposals (RFP) for outside group(s) to apply for funding to administer projects
 - o Selecting third party administrator to ensure that program is properly executed, vegetation maintained, etc.
- Jessica further explained the process of developing RFP with subcommittee and selection of vendor.
- Ned Leiba commented that we need to make careful considerations of tree placement
 - Location based on highest air quality benefit
 - Input by impacted residents
 - Aesthetics
 - Brianna added perspectives on planting trees near largest emission sources
- Jessica provided a map that Fresno CSC used to highlight community-desired areas for trees
- Jeff Wingfield described using “Tree Plotter” site, as used by the Port of Stockton in order to assist with finding suitable planting locations.

Jessica – Stated that the vendor selected should be experts in MOU’s and local ordinances. Sited Tree Fresno as a great example of an organization that has the qualifications needed to carry out successful program.

| Proposed Evaluation and Selection Process for Competitive Request for Proposals | | | | | |
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| Water, maintenance | Porosity/density of trees | Characteristics of vegetation during different seasons in community, native species (non-invasive) | Leaf structure | Vegetation air emissions | Resistance of vegetative barrier to air pollution |

Mary Elizabeth – Brought up Outreach by the District and how many trees will be planted

- Total of 1,300 trees.

Gene Fuss – Addressed maintenance in chat.

- Nicholas explained that the TCC does not have a budget for maintenance.

Jessica – Pointed out that in order for the project to be approved, planting, maintenance must be

Included in the planning.

| CSC-Suggested Implementation Partners | CSC-Suggested Technical Partners |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">•City of Stockton•San Joaquin County•San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) (Planning Organization)•California ReLeaf•Local Nurseries•Valley Conservation•Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)•PUENTES•Caltrans•Port of Stockton | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Greenlining in the Hood (Little Manila)•Hyphae Design•Lab/CalSTA•Stanford/City System•Delta College•California Department of Natural Resources•CARB |

Next steps:

- **District:** Schedule next subcommittee meeting
- **District:** Develop and distribute draft Project Plan for CSC review
- **District and CSC:** Invite partners to next CSC meeting to attend, provide input and feedback on project plan, next steps
- **CSC Facilitator (Little Manila):** Prepare verbal report to CSC in October
- **CSC Facilitator (Little Manila):** Propose agenda for next meeting, work with District to distribute
- **District:** work with Port of Stockton to identify Tree Plotter locations, maybe use this tool
- **District:** get map from TCC/Little Manila to overlay with mapping tool, perhaps add on to projects that are in the works

Jessica adjourned meeting at 4:06 pm.