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ASTHMA TASK FORCE
SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Environmental Committee Minutes

Date **November 2, 2005, 2-4pm**

Location: DPH, Fox Plaza, Rm 910

Present: Neil Gendel, Healthy Children Organizing Project; Louise Kimbell, DBI; Karen Cohn, DPH; Benjamin Heckman, La Croix Davis; Myrna Melgar-Iton, Mayor's Office of Housing
Facilitator/ Recorder: Karen Cohn

Discussion	Assignments
Welcome and Introductions; New member: Ray Manion, SF Environment Dept.	
ATF Workplan Goals re. Private Housing: Reduce environmental risk factors for asthma in private and non-profit housing sectors via city-managed funding streams for new affordable housing and rehabilitation of low-income housing. Reduce environmental risk factors for asthma in private sector and Section 8-subsidized rental housing via engagement of community agencies working to promote healthy housing. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ We decided that the first meeting of each month will be focused on promotion of private sector healthy housing, including MOH funding proposed intervention.➤ Myrna reported on her briefing of MOH Director, Matt Franklin, about our proposal for MOH to encourage weatherization/healthy housing aspects of MOH funded projects. He is reviewing this proposal informally, before being approached by ATF directly.➤ Karen reported on meeting with Cal Broomhead, SF Environment, about his proposed use of PGE funds for weatherization projects and desire to find low income families with asthma to benefit. Goal would be to match his resources with Myrna's program, and benefit from the marketing of her program.➤ Janan New, Director of SFAA, is working with Joe Walseth, of DPH-CEHP, to produce and distribute a newsletter on lead laws and resources to all SF residential property owners. This will serve as a model for our working with SFAA to produce	Agenda to define Mtg.1 & Mtg.2 focus @month in a predictable pattern to encourage attendance at relevant mtg. of interest Myrna to report next mtg. if there is any response from Matt Franklin Karen to try again to get Cal in touch with Myrna. Karen to give update on where Joe is with SFAA project; review

<p>a similar newsletter re. promotion of healthy housing and housing that serves the needs of people with asthma. SFAA did a similar newsletter with SF Environment on promoting recycling and composting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Comt. discussed Dennis Jordan's presentation last meeting, to recap for Myrna and Ray. Decided that it is premature to begin collaborative project with Alameda County's CLPP Healthy Housing program, where Dennis is from. 	<p>by ATF comt. members.</p> <p>Ben to communicate that answer to Dennis. Karen to copy Dennis's handouts to Ray and Myrna.</p>
<p>ATF Workplan Goals re. Outdoor Air Quality Improvement</p> <p>Policy Objective 8 (Homes): By June 30th, 2006, provide input to noise/air quality neighborhood mapping project established by DPH-EHS (Rajiv/Tom Rivard) and funded by DBI to formulate recommendations to Planning Dept. based on findings. Where appropriate bring back policy, legislative and funding recommendations for full ATF to submit to Board of Supervisors. We reviewed the presentation from Tom and Rajiv at last meeting, for the benefit of those not in attendance. Louise also shared her participation in a regional forum that Tom convened to discuss CARB's regulation for limiting housing near freeways and land use strategies for urban areas. Group will stay in touch with Tom and when necessary offer support and comment to his project.</p> <p>Policy Objective 9 (Homes): By June 30th, 2006, participate in regional (BAEHC) coalition to formulate a regional campaign with specific strategies to reduce air pollution and improve air quality. Where appropriate bring back policy, legislative and funding recommendations for full ATF to submit to Board of Supervisors. Karen described what the coalition is aiming for, and will keep the group informed. Neil would like the group to consider the impact of indoor air quality issues, such as use of aerosol products, on outdoor air quality (ie. CARB's IAQ report; Neil's emphasis on promoting preferred environmental products).</p>	<p>Ben to assist Tom with researching best available monitoring equipment for NOx emissions from car traffic.</p>
<p>ATF Workplan Goal: Reduce environmental risk factors for asthma in SF Housing Authority (SFHA)-owned or operated public housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Louise, Karen and Ben gave update to comt. on our last mtg. with SFHA mngt.; 2nd mtg. will occur tomorrow ➤ Discussion focused on bringing in 3rd party QA contractor to assure that in-house 	<p>Comt. members to meet with SFHA mngt. on 11/3 to shape use of funds,</p>

<p>work practices change and that there is sufficient oversight of how outside contractors are used; hard to believe that no sheetrock needs to be replaced during all mold work orders completed this summer. Otherwise thermographic camera purchase may be in vain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussed extent of training available to SFHA staff from equipment vendor. ➤ Discussed proposal to allow community groups to nominate apts. needing mold remediation w/ use of thermographic camera defining scope of work; also representative use of camera to review Mold Busters and Sparkle Brite's prior work at SFHA once rain begins, to find out if moisture is seen in interior walls. ➤ Important to emphasize to SFHA mngt. that the intent of getting the camera is to show to BOS that their money was well spent—what will be the measures of effectiveness? How to lay the stage for a year 2 monetary request to further the goal of healthy housing at SFHA developments? 	<p>and make proposals based on today's discussion.</p>
<p><u>Planning for Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Focus on private housing initiatives—Report back from Myrna; invite Cal Broomhead to attend to discuss his potential PG&E funding; discussion to make proposal for Section 8 inspectors as they will be trained on use of thermographic cameras purchased for SFHA; invite a speaker to understand more about defined non-profit affordable housing, Section 8 voucher rental housing, low income tenant owned HUD housing (eg. UNITY). or other types of HUD-financed housing that are not part of SFHA</p>	<p>Karen and Anjali to create agenda; Karen to invite Cal as speaker and perhaps a City Planner re. housing types</p>
<p><u>Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Wednesday, December 7th, 2005, Fox Plaza, Room 910</p>	<p>Karen to confirm room; Anjali to post announcement to email listing</p>