

Climate Change Task Force Social Equity Subcommittee

July 2019 Meeting Notes

Task Force Members:

Sasha Forbes, NRDC

George Cavros, SACE

Ilan Kaufer, FPL

Invited Guests:

Nancy Metayer, New Florida Majority

Kilan Bishop, City of Miami SLR Committee

Alex Easdale, SE Climate Energy Network

BC Staff Support:

Jill Horwitz

Goals for meeting:

1. Discuss how to give CCTF a basic level of training on equity terms and concepts.
2. Discuss what data exists and research questions to ask.
3. Share examples from other communities and CBO's on how to connect with community, ID priorities, integrate with multi-agency work, etc.
4. Decide structure and delivery of Aug 19 CCTF Equity Presentation.

Discussion:

1. Sasha shared a 3-page equity definition toolkit to share with the CCTF prior to quarterly meeting. She offered to start the Equity presentation with a quick summary of it, and why this work is important.
2. Kilan stressed the importance of having the research done before policy suggestions. Utilize an evidence-based approach. Prepare for push-back if result does not match pre-existing policies or investment strategies.
3. Kilan shared story of her last 3 years on City of Miami SLR Committee advocating for LMI community. Try to shift conversation from centering around "property" to around "people". Getting meetings out of City Hall and into community, yet committee still learning how to listen and value antidotal lessons. Keenan Harvard Study gave evidence to support these voices. Resolution passed, yet implementation has been slow. Example: maps show use of Save Our Homes tax program underutilized by LMI community (used more in economically stable community), which could be a tool to protect from climate gentrification.
4. Nancy's work in Miami begins with maps to generate discussion and action. ID vulnerable populations for: food access, tree canopy, elevation, transportation,

proximity to toxic waste sites, energy usage, A/C access, etc. Explain how climate change is a stress-multiplier.

5. Nancy also shared her disaster resilience work – creating Community Emergency Management Operation Centers (COC's) after Hurricane Irma. Supporting vulnerable populations in Sistrunk and Hollywood who did not have money to evacuate, little food and water preparations, and longer wait times for power to come back online. Supplied food, water, cell phone recharging, lock boxes for important papers, etc. After, advocated for SNAP services to be offered by phone, PSA's in Haitian creole, and a community seat at the EOC.
6. Alex stressed the importance of working regionally and with the interfaith community.
7. George offered to make suggestions after the presentation on policy options the CCTF could consider.

Next Steps:

- Sasha will follow up with Kilan, Nancy and Alex to draft presentation format, send to Jill to share with workgroup.
- Jill will hold space on Aug CCTF agenda for a climate equity presentation, give time-certain.