

Green New Deal Oversight Board Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 08/19/24 Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM Location: Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Debolina Banerjee, Matt Remle, Nina Olivier, Camille Gipaya, Nancy Huizar, Emily Myers, Stephanie Ung, Lizzy Baskerville, Susan Balbas, Eunice How, Peter Hasegawa, Hannah Lindell-Smith
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Ken Workman, Jess Wallach, Rachel Heaton, Keith Weir, Steve Gelb, Emily Pinckney
GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE), Rebecca Zaragoza (OSE),

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VOTE: Approval of the July Board Meeting Minutes
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MEETING NOTES

Peter Hasegawa, Nina Olivier (GNDOB Executive Committee members) and **Elise Rasmussen** (Climate and Environmental Justice Associate) facilitated the meeting.

Meeting notes were taken by Rebecca Zaragoza (OSE Climate and Environmental Justice Graduate Intern)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Peter Hasegawa started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Breck Lebegue** (Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility): Seattle communities are being exposed to fossil fuels from the Blue Angels airshow during SeaFair. Airshows create noise and air pollution and should be stopped. SeaFair should find other ways to have celebrations in the community.
2. **Mary Peterson** (350 Seattle): Mary is part of the Airshow Climate Action Coalition. Mary has emissions data from the Navy. The GNDOB could take advantage of the SeaFair event to provide more education and create awareness of the GND and other climate related efforts.

VOTE: Approval of the July Meeting Minutes

Nina Olivier moved to approve the minutes. **Susan Balbas** seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the July Meeting Minutes.

STAFF UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Rasmussen provided the following staff updates:

- Upcoming Board events are being scheduled and need Board members to confirm their availability.

- The Environmental Justice Fund with OSE will start accepting applications starting 8/20. There is \$250,000 in funding available to support community led projects that benefit frontline communities.

EJ Fund – PLEASE SHARE

- OSE to release the EJ Fund application TOMORROW, 8/20
- \$250,000 available to support community-led projects that benefit frontline communities
- Eligible applicants can apply for a \$10k or \$25k grant
 - Tribes & tribal organizations of any size
- Nonprofits & community groups with an average operating budget of \$500k or less for the current & previous fiscal years
- Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until the total funding is awarded or by 5pm (PT) on October 20, 2024, whichever comes first.
- TA consultants will be available to interested applicants at no cost
- More information here: seattle.gov/environment/ejfund
- Virtual info sessions:
 - 8/27: noon-1pm (Spanish & English)
 - 9/9: 6-7pm (reach out to Equityenviro@seattle.gov to request language access & other accommodations by 9/5)

- Reminder that the Board is back to using a Google Drive folder.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The call for nominations for the Executive Committee is open and the vote will take place in September.
- The work around the proposed updates to the Seattle Energy Code continues to move forward, including engagement with the Mayor’s office. The Mayor has accepted the recommendations provided in the Board’s comment letter on the Energy Code Update.
- **Nina Olivier** is part of the BEPS working group and will be working on a guidebook for building owners of all sorts to comply with the Building Emissions Performance Standard. Nina will continue to keep the Board updated as this work progresses.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES

Presentation by Faduma Fido and Laura Nash from People’s Economy Lab (PEL)

- People’s Economy Lab is providing technical support to the Board’s Community Assembly process to engage the community and collect input on climate and environmental justice work, including the City’s comprehensive plan.
- Community Assemblies are used to co-create solutions with residents at the neighborhood level.
- PEL developed an Assembly Anchor Guide for the two anchor organizations: MLK Labor and Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle (ULMS).
- PEL is required to submit a final report and presentation to the Board that captures the recommendations developed with the Community Assemblies.
- ULMS has chosen climate resilience as their topic of focus for the assemblies. They will be hosting 2 meetings on October 10th-11th from 10am-4pm.
- MLK Labor has chosen workforce development and climate resilience as their topics of focus. Many workers are facing harsh conditions within the workplace because of extreme weather and want to hear from workers about how to address these issues. They will be hosting 3

meetings on September 26th, October 3rd, and October 10th from 5:30pm-8:30pm. MLK Labor needs volunteers for notetaking.

Discussion

- PEL has created a guide for how to collect accurate notes during assemblies in order to best support data collection.
- **Susan Balbas** expressed her excitement about the Assemblies and the unique aspects of them compared to other engagement activities.
- **Elise Rasmussen** stated that the Community Engagement Committee will be meeting again in the Fall to support the final steps of the Community Assembly process.

GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS

- **Camille Gipaya** proposed holding a time at the next Board meeting to discuss the public comments from this meeting. This will be added to the next agenda.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Peter Hasegawa moved to adjourn the meeting and **Nancy Huizar** seconded. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm.