



Oakland Alameda Adaptation Committee

Meeting Notes

December 11, 2024

10 – 11:30 am

Location

Virtual meeting led by the City of Alameda, included 61 participants from 25 organizations.

Purpose

The Oakland Alameda Adaptation Committee (OAAC) coordinates flood and adaptation projects to protect and restore water quality, habitat and adjacent community vitality in the Oakland-Alameda sub-region.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Danielle Mieler/City of Alameda gave welcoming remarks.
2. Land Acknowledgement
 - Shared a clip from an interview on the shoreline with Corinna Gould, from the Lisjan Nation and Sogorea Te' Land Trust, an urban-indigenous women led land trust (Watch the interview [here](#))
 - Sky Walker described the projects her organization, Ninth Root, has been involved with to promote access to the shoreline, while addressing creek restoration and shoreline adaptation for Black and POC residents including the Sacred Spaces project and the San Leandro (Lisjan) Creek Trail
3. Presentation: ***Bayshore Urbanism: Property and Climate Change Adaptation on San Francisco Bay***, Dr. Robert Olshansky and Dr. Zachary Lamb, UC Berkeley (Read the report [here](#))
 - Paul Beusterien, CHBIOA: Thinking about other locations like Netherlands how they expand their land instead of retreating, curious about balance between advancement and retreat
 - Zachary: some obvious short-term appeals, but there are downsides including ecological consequences and locking into a pathway, thinking about how habitat

can go inward, and urbanization can go Bayward, reexamining and thinking flexibly

- Rob: Likes floating communities as part of solution, lots of potential, will require legislative change
 - Daniel Hamilton: Brought up concerns with concentrated power at a state level. He prefers OAAC's structure
 - Zachary: Not arguing for concentrated power at state level, impressed by OAAC, BCDC is well positioned, but decision making should be driven by impacted communities on the ground
 - Zachary: Multiscale vision, individual HOAs will be important actors that haven't been discussed to the degree they need to be, and everything in between
 - Keta: Liked ideas of floating cities, but is concerned about equity and access for Black and POC residents
 - Zachary: Brings up gentrified Sausalito houseboats, but there are examples of places set up to promote affordability, in a lot of cases land is controlled by the public, lots of opportunities to set up conditions to promote affordability
 - Rob: Can work with mobile home community, they have a lot of similarities in management and government, there are existing models
 - Keta: This reminds her of network hubs and network concepts during Resilient by Design
 - Chris: Asking about policy changes and incentive structures that will enable moving towards a more collective model
 - Rob: Purpose of report is to shift conversation, it is a framework for further thought
 - Zachary: Rob has been looking at structures with these tools for decades, there are models, getting down to nitty gritty is next critical step
 - Victor: Do alternative ownership models deal with maintenance through fees, concerned about expenses
 - Zachary: Great models of communities, ROCK USA has proven track models for community members to take ownership, there are real tradeoffs, key thing is to have governing institutions that allow for communities to have access to larger resources to cover gaps
 - Joshua: Asking about avoided cost of staying out of flood zones and cost benefits analysis
 - Zachary: Has not considered that, focused on cost to who question
 - Jonathan: Rent stabilization was recently passed for Barnhill Marina, nice first step towards equity
 - Zachary: some groups in the studio were specifically focused on rent stabilization
 - Daniel: Oakland EcoBlock did similar analysis and found special district law in CA that allows for Community Facilities Districts that are easier to form than an HOA and allow for a taxation structure that can deal with long-term maintenance
4. Subregional Adaptation Plan Updates: BCDC RSAP + Governance recommendations (Danielle Mieler)

- Ed Manasse (Oakland Planning Bureau): Thought this group was precursor to subregional plan, need to think about partnering with City of San Leandro, Berkeley, and how larger cities work together, wants a focus meeting as soon as possible
 - Danielle Mieler: They have funding for subregional plan, meet regularly with San Leandro, they were a part of the group until the staff person moved on, making sure their plan aligns with San Leandro's who's developing their own plan, similarly with Emeryville group, wanting to continue coordinating on the edges and boundaries
5. 5. Estuary and Bay Farm Island Adaptation Project updates (Gail Payne)
- Zachary: Curious about who owns and regulates lagoons
 - Dilip: HOAs are engaged, private property, HOA owned, City operates gate structure
6. Announcements and Close
- King tides: December 13-15
 - Alameda City Council meeting: January 21 (request to endorse design concepts for projects)
 - Next OAAC meeting: March 12