



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting Summary

Meeting: Cornelius Community Advisory Group Meeting
Date/time: October 6, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
Place: Zoom video meeting
Purpose: Future Metro West public meeting

Members Present

Arturo Villaseñor, Ashley Hall, David Valladares, Doris Gonzalez Gómez, Ignacio Copado Oropeza, Jasmine Dolores Cruz, Kelly Marquis, Linda Galbreath, Maria Guadalupe Estrada, Mayra Hernandez, Milka Mendez, Seferina Deleon Dale

Members Absent

None

Presenters

Gloria Pinzon-Marin, Metro Communications, Enrique Vargas, Metro Community Engagement Specialist, Mariana Valenzuela, Centro Cultural Partnerships and Advocacy Director, Matt Tracy, Project Manager

Topics

Environmental justice history, Environmental justice case studies, community application of environmental justice principles

- **Environmental justice history:** Gloria Pinzon-Marin, Metro Communications, presented on the history of environmental justice, and the evolving role of the federal government and policy-makers in protecting people and the environment.
- **Environmental Justice case studies:** Mariana Valenzuela, Centro Cultural, presented on the impacts that plastic water bottles and other common disposable materials have had on the environment, and the ways that people can prevent plastic pollution. Enrique Vargas, Metro Community Engagement Specialist, presented the Flint, Michigan case study. This case study reviewed the ways in which decision-making and cost-saving impacted low-income communities of color, by creating an environmental hazard to their health through contaminated water supply.
- **Community application of environmental justice principles:** Gloria continued the conversation on environmental justice principles by asking community advisory group members a set of questions:
 - Are there any environmental justice principles that stand out to you?
 - Which principles do you feel are most relevant to the project?
 - Are there any areas or groups of people you are concerned about in considering negative impacts?

Meeting Summary



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Community advisory group members and staff discussed their hopes for ensuring that the community is able to advocate for their right to a healthy environment, and that possible impacts are monitored for throughout the operation of a facility.