

MEETING SUMMARY

Hunters View Community Partners and Hunters View Tenants Association
Meeting with Hunters View Residents
June 16, 2011 - 5:30pm-7:00pm
Hunters View Community Center
125 West Point Road, San Francisco, CA

Tessie started the meeting at 5:40PM with about 10 residents in attendance.

September passed out a response to the request for information regarding local hiring. She stated that the team will continue looking for work for workers, and CityBuild staff continues to attend Jobs Club meeting every Wednesday. She apologized for forgetting to bring the list of contractors and subcontractors; this list will be provided to HVTA and residents by tomorrow.

In response to the request to present the local hiring information in a different format than the percent of hours worked, SF Redevelopment Agency's contracted goals are based on percentage of hours, and reporting will follow those policies. In response to the concern about short scopes of work, September stated that each hire prioritized matching qualifications with needs of scope. Jobs club works with residents one-on-one to prepare residents for work, including the upcoming vertical scope. CityBuild is starting a new cycle in August; September asked for help from resident leadership in getting residents connected to Urban Strategies and CityBuild.

Question: I'm concerned about people being laid off. Who was laid off, are they all residents? We need CityBuild to come meet with us. We don't want to meet until Fathina comes up here.

Response: Bill Johnson of Nibbi reported that Construction Systems, the site demolition contractor, was managing the crew in a way that would cost more than their allowed funding. Because of this, Cahill-Nibbi recommended that Construction Systems reduce the crew. Unfortunately they reduced the crew by a resident hire. To address this issue, Cahill-Nibbi is going to directly hire this resident so he may continue working on the construction site. Bill and Fathina have been working together to ensure that Anthony will start at the new union dispatch at Cahill yard tomorrow morning.

Comment: Jack Alexander still wasn't hired or paid.

Response: Bill responded that all our hiring on the site has to be through Citybuild. Cahill-Nibbi and every subcontractor on the job must honor their contract, which requires the use of only CityBuild.

Comment: Construction Systems laid off the two residents because they didn't have enough money, but they still have their own staff working? They should fire their own staff first, and split the jobs up evenly with the residents. Shut the job down.

Response: Dan Levine of JSCo. stated that unfortunately, CityBuild was not involved in this lay off. While CityBuild was supposed to be a part of this process, they were not. Second, the fact that Cahill-Nibbi is hiring the one local hire does not absolve Construction Systems, and if they are not meeting their goals then they will. However, re-hiring the resident is addressing the issue in the short term. The team has a call with Will tomorrow, and it will be made clear that Construction Systems made a mistake and will have to hire residents or they will not work on the job. There are no exceptions.

Comment: You need to rehire the rest of the laid off workers too. When contractors respond to bids, they need to make sure they have enough money to pay for workers. What are the consequences of this action? I am concerned with the consequences of using local contractors if they're not qualified. Why is he still on the job?

Response: Dan responded that there is no answer yet. We brought them on the job because they are a truly local contractor from 94124; besides the issue with the local hire, they are exactly the type of contractor we want working on this job. That doesn't mean they don't have to follow the rules, but we want to fight for local contracting on this job.

Comment: Ryan – why are there no resident plumbers working with them?

Response: Bill responded that Ryan is the engineer for the wet utilities, which consists of site water and the sewer. The plumbers will be used once we start the buildings; there will be two other plumbing companies.

Comment: We want to meet with those contractors directly, instead of going through CityBuild.

Response: Bill responded that they cannot meet with them until their under contract for vertical construction. Once we sign the contract, then Cahill-Nibbi can negotiate their subcontracts, which requires going through SFRA, etc.

Comment: If this laid off resident is doing good work, is there a way that he can be hired? Residents go through training but aren't working.

Response: Kelly responded that she hears the need for training, and Urban is working on getting training up at Hunters View. She noted, however, that there isn't a huge list of residents waiting for work. While not all residents on the list are working, most have worked on some scopes since construction started. In addition, plumbing and electrical scopes are coming, and Urban is figuring out how to get apprentices from Hunters View as she hasn't yet met any resident with experience in plumbing or electrical. She asked that more residents come to trainings so they can keep adding to that list of workers.

Comment: What about the resident who was paid by personal check?

Response: Chris Parker of Cahill stated that he followed up with Three Brothers immediately about the personal check because it was inappropriate. That resident has now been paid correctly by Three Brothers.

Tessie announced that she will set up a meeting with CityBuild, Cahill-Nibbi, and JSCo. Follow up for the next meeting is to address the consequences for inappropriate layoffs by subcontractors.

The meeting was adjourned and dinner was served. Residents wanting to know about construction updates spoke with Dan Levine directly after the meeting.