

# COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION, GREENING AND PUBLIC SPACES ACTION TEAM

## **Meeting Minutes: Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Attendance: 11

Purpose: Connect West Oakland, South Oakland, and the Business District with the Eliza Furnace Trail and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and establish communication between organizations for other greening efforts.

1. Introductions
2. Recap Action Forum/Dialogue process
3. Priorities for Individual Team Members
  - a. Repurposing vacant lots, cleaning parks, general cleanup, finding sustainable ways to clean up Oakland, connecting trails, creating signage, tree planting, bike path for Boundary St, improving the Greenway, proper communication between groups/organizations, make the trails look like it is not someone's backyard
  - b. Will focus on "connecting West Oakland, South Oakland, and the Business District with the Eliza Furnace Trail/2<sup>nd</sup> Ave."
    - i. Will seek organizations to work on the other related dialog items as to not duplicate efforts (e.g. Keep It Clean Oakland does cleanup projects)
4. Potential Partners
  - a. Pittsburgh Trail Advocacy Group (PTAG)
  - b. UPMC
  - c. City Planning/City Engineering
  - d. OPDC/OTMA/OBID
  - e. Phipps Conservatory
  - f. Technology Drive → Parks Conservancy
  - g. Friendship Community Church
  - h. Possible "Tour guides" for the trail
    - i. Southside Slopes/Urban Hike/Oakcliffe Housing Club
5. Next Meeting
  - a. Thursday, July 14 at 6PM (bi-weekly meetings) at Community Human Services' community space
  - b. Meeting Agenda: creating a work plan for connecting West Oakland, South Oakland, and the Business District with the Eliza Furnace Trail/2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
  - c. Bring a name for our Action Team (Green Team is already being used by the OPDC's LEADS program)