



MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD: MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Share the Vision
Meeting 3

Martindale-Brightwood Environmental Justice Collaborative
Improving Kids' Environment, Inc.



Welcome and Introductions

Carmen Helms

MBEJC Leadership Co-chairperson



Agenda

Housekeeping

Meeting Etiquette

Julie Rhodes

MBEJC/CARE Facilitator



MBEJC Committee Reports

Tony Knight

Jeani Jones

Communications/Community
Engagement Committee

Policy & Research Committee



What does Environmental Health mean to our community?

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Environmental Health



PROPOSED:

Environmental health and protection refers to protection against environmental factors that may adversely impact physical or mental human health or the ecological balances essential to long-term human health and environmental quality, whether in the natural or man-made environment.



What Environmental Health Risks exist in our community?

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Environmental Health Risks



Land Issues

- Illegal Dumping (MB Community Plan) and littering
 - Trash & oil (parking lots)
- Soil Quality
 - tested, cleaner, enriched; even new soil is not good for growing things)
 - Lead contamination
- Asphalt piles
- Brownfields

Noise Pollution

- Local industry
- Outsiders into the neighborhood
- Cars
- The interstate



Environmental Health Risks



Air Pollution

- Open burning
- Traffic
- Industry
- Fire places
- Fine particulate
- Toxic air pollution
- Carbon Monoxide

Abandoned Businesses & Houses

- Public nuisance
 - weeds
- Drugs
- Housing code violations/demo
- Incorrect zoning
 - residents zoned for industry



Environmental Health Risks



- Chuckholes
- Senior Housing Risk
- Stray animals
- Lack of beautification
- Blocked alleys
- Radon
- Groundwater
- Drinking water
- No community stores/lack of access to vitamins and healthy food



Environmental Health Risks



Storm Sewers

- Stopped up or not working
- Cause flooding and standing water
- Mosquitoes
- Retention ponds also a problem

Chemicals

- from industry
- in homes
- contaminating soil or air or water
- Opportunity to hold the data of environmental effects



Environmental Health Risks



- Asthma
- Heavy metal build up
 - from food, drink, other
- 2nd hand smoke and Smoking
- Rodents
- Improper pesticides use
- Mental health
- Low birth weight
- Mental retardation
- Cancer
 - breast, lung, other
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Heart/cardiovascular disease
 - Blood pressure/cholesterol
- Diabetes
- ADD
- Emphysema
- Misdiagnosis
- Birth defects
- Obesity



CARE Decision-making Processes

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Who can vote?



- Residents
 - Homeowners
 - Property Owners
 - Renters
- Businesses
- Churches
- Institutions
- Non-profit organizations
- Neighborhood associations



A Vote?



- One vote per person
- One vote per address
- One vote per business or institution?
- Other?



Other Qualifications?



- Attendance requirement
- Partner commitment



Proxy Votes?



- If a person is unable to attend a meeting, may they send a representative to cast a proxy vote on their behalf?
- Must be present to vote?
- Cast or send in a vote in advance of a meeting?



Number of Votes?



- Consensus
 - Majority (51%)
 - 2/3's Majority (66%)
 - Other ideas?
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- Quorum?
 - Do a certain number or percentage need to be present to allow a vote?



Casting votes?



- Show of hands
- Paper ballots
- Other ideas?



Brownfields Basics

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Brownfields Coordinator



Workshop & Speaker Ideas

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Next Meeting

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Next Meeting



July 16 – Oasis of Hope Church

Guest Speaker:

Katherine Caperson

Director

Healthnet Clinic



Recognizing Janelle Williams

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MBEJC Leadership Co-chair



Open Forum/Announcements



Contact Us....



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**Thank you for your
participation in the
MBEJC!**

See you on July 16