May 4th Health and Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

Introductions:

Bahieh Hartshorn (WSCO Staff)
Leah Shepard (WSCO Staff)
Ellie Leonardsmith
Elizabeth Dickinson
Christopher Childs
Monica Bryand (Ex-Officia)
Monica Bravo (WSCO Staff)

Agree to representation of West Side before finalizing committee work plan.

Discuss definition of Environmental Justice

-Should include protecting from harm, also access to benefits

Members agree on importance of Health in committee title & work

Topics Brought Up:

Barge Channel Road
Access to River
Inclusive Financing for Clean Energy
Kids Outside
Industrial Use Near Residential Areas
Trauma and Healing
Health Benefits of Natural Areas
Water Runoff & Pollution
Connectedness to Resources (Food, Energy etc)

Drawing Folks In:

-Fairness
-Self interest (money savings on heating and electric bills, personal and family health)
-Healing and positiveness, fun

Ideas:

Solar on the Schools
Community let energy audits & skill learning

Groups to Outreach:

Humboldt / OWL	Growing West Side	Torre De San Miguel
Youth Farm	Southport	Dunedin
Sprockets	Mendota Dakota	Girlscouts
Neigh House	Library	Riverview School
Rivers Edge	Danzantes	Center for Earth Energy Democracy

Action Items

Ellie can table at WS Farmers Market for some of June 3rd
Elizabeth with talk with Humboldt regarding youth who may be interested in HEJ
Leah will create a folder on Google Drive for group information sharing