Meeting Minutes

Reuse and Repair Stakeholder meeting --  Friday April 30th 2021 meeting

Thanks to all of those who attended,  so great to see everyone albeit virtually!

The entire meeting was [recorded for](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzHh3CC6GyI) those who were unable to make this fun and informative meeting.

1. Group participated in a lightening round breakout groups to informally meet one another and make connections.

1. Virtual Field Trips!

We had 2 great virtual tours that highlighted the amazing reuse and repair work our group members are involved with, thank you Judi and Kriss!

[Mannequin Madness](https://www.mannequinmadness.com/)–Judi Henderson aka “ The Mannequin Queen”  toured us through her warehouse inventory of mannequins acquired from many major retailers such as H&M, Nike and American Apparel. We were able to see firsthand the many creative ways Judi has given thousands of mannequins a second life instead of ending up in landfill.  Group was impressed by this mannequin reuse industry tucked away in West Oakland.

[Kay Chesterfield](https://www.kaychesterfield.com/)– Transformative re-upholstery leaders since 1921, President Kriss Kokoefershowed us how her company brings beautiful and sustainable re-use to the interiors world through her team of skilled craftspeople.   Kriss virtually toured the group through their large Oakland facility, showing how their  Re-upholstery approach to reducing  furniture waste can help solve this growing global issue.  Highlights included seeing San Francisco Airport’s furniture, in particular their “egg chairs”, being reupholstered as part of a regular contract to reupholster instead of buying new when furniture starts to show wear.

 Meri provided an update on local grant funding and award status.

* [Bay Area News Group](https://www.bayareanewsgroup.com/communitygrant?utm_source=house&utm_medium=hello%20bar&utm_campaign=local%20biz):  matching advertisement grants
* [Cal Recycle –](https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicNotices/Details/4267) 4 large scale reuse grants awarded (total $2 million), 2 right here in the Bay!
	+ Frank Atkins from [Habitat for Humanity Restore](https://restore.habitatebsv.org/) in Oakland provided an overview of their recent $488k grant award to increase salvaged wood collection/redistribution/resale
	+ Michael Siminitus from Richmond based [Sudbusters](https://sudbusters.com/) updated the group on how they will utilized their $499k grant to reduce single use foodware at events around the Bay Area.
* [StopWaste grant solicitation](https://www.stopwaste.org/at-work/stopwaste-grants).  Awards announced May 12, 2021
* [Altamont Education Advisory Board](http://www.altamonteab.org/grant-guidelines.html)    2021 Funded grants available [here](http://www.altamonteab.org/funded-grants.html)
* [County of San Mateo - 4 Rs grant funding](https://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/4rs-grants-program/)  Awards announced mid-May

1. StopWaste staff Alma Freeman provided an overview of the various resource tools available to the members of the Reuse and Repair Stakeholder group.  Please take a minute to review and utilize these excellent resources:

* 1. Bay Area Reuse and Repair Community [FaceBook Page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/581204179046632)
	2. [Stakeholder Google Doc](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1onhPTdPUWiBaC48dNmREdynS2FI7RGdR6lVz6wDmhV8/edit#gid=1508726744) – this is a comprehensive listing of all reuse and repair entities in the Bay who participate in this group.  Use this document to reach out to one another. Please take a moment to review your contact information as well as any other entities that are missing from the list – help us grow this group!
	3. [Re:Source](https://resource.stopwaste.org/) –StopWaste’s online guide for reuse, recycling and composting.  Please take a look and make sure your entity is listed, if not let me know so we can add you!
	4. Social Media Cheat Sheet (attached) – excellent resource for those looking to conduct social media outreach with reuse/repair focus.

All of these resources are available on the [Reuse and Repair Stakeholder webpage](https://www.stopwaste.org/at-work/reduce-and-reuse/reuse-and-repair-stakeholder-workgroup)

1. All attendees had the opportunity to share with the group upcoming events, resources and announcements.

Next quarterly meeting will be held late August.  Until then stay safe!