

**EQUITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING
3:30-6:30 PM**

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Stacy Noland, Rosa Sanchez, Jean Day, Brandon Hernandez, Jade Krueger, Marcela Badillo, Pierre Bergman, Miki Aristorenas

VIRTUAL: Jason Fritts

STAFF: Tyler Sinclair & Charlotte Frei (presenting)

II. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: January Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved.

III. NEW ITEMS

A. Presentation about Assisted Living and Senior Housing SPET Item

- a. Defining ‘Assisted Living’ as apartments in facilities for seniors and disabled people with similar needs where assistance is provided for cleaning, paying bills, taking medicine, and meal prep. Organized activities including communal dining, outings, and facilitated social activities may also be provided.
- b. The SPET funding received will begin to be distributed in small portions in December of 2023, and the expectation is for \$1.93M to be received for planning.

B. Presentation about African Americans Who Helped Settle the West by Stacy Noland

- a. African Americans migrated west in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.
- b. Noland provided history and background of various notable African American settlers including Jim Beckwourth, Elijah Abel, William Leidesdorff, Letitia Carson, Mary Ellen Pleasant, Rebecca G. Howard, Stagecoach Mary, Bass Reaves, Sarah Gammon Bickford, Buffalo Soldiers, Madam C.J. Walker, William Bill Pickett, Percy Sledge, and Curtis Noland.

IV. DISCUSSION AND / OR PROPOSED ITEMS

A. Presentation on Transportation & Equity by Charlotte Frei, Regional Transportation Planning Administrator

- a. Urban renewal and highway expansion includes a legacy of segregation in federal and state housing transportation policy
- b. Many current-day maps were transposed over red-lined zoning from prior eras.
- c. Neighborhoods were razed to build the interstate highway system.
- d. Currently, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has centered equity as a department-wide strategic goal.
- e. Reconnecting Communities pilot is new program addressing barriers to access & mobility.
- f. Today’s choices are shaped by yesterday’s investments and disinvestments.
- g. Encouraging alternative modes of transportation: utility or convenience needs to outweigh strong habit of existing choices
- h. More sustainable modes of transit need to be the obvious choice; overcoming decades of investment in auto-oriented mobility.
- i. Parking minimums contribute to inequality.
- j. Implement universal design to benefit everyone.

- k. 3 Questions to ask for any policy: Who does this benefit? Who is harmed? Who is missing?
(Who is *helped*, who *pays*, and who *decides*?)
- l. Bike and transit incentives / flexible work policies

V. ADJOURN at 6:30pm