



Subgroup D: Housing, Workplace, Economic and Transportation Environments
Meeting 3 Notes
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1. Updates on Mission, Values and Goals

Suggestions and edits were incorporated from the last meeting by Manav, and additional suggestions were made by participants:

- Rather than "all races", consider revising to say "all citizens" or "residents" or "people" or "community members":
- Consider including the term "historical inequities."
- Consider have a four-part mission: 1st- housing for "all"; 2nd- "treatment of races"; 3rd- "work to increase jobs in the community for all people"; 4th- sentence ok.
- A question is do we change our statements to make amends for historical mistreatment. Goal of 2nd sentence: include race, but not at the exclusion of others
- Suggested wording: "We will ensure diverse and equitable treatment of all people, all races, and those who have been disenfranchised and marginalized....and work to increase jobs in the small business community
- Suggested wording: "We will treat all people, including those of different races, equitably and equally"
- I still think we need to say race in that second sentence, "race and economic ability"? Race has historically been used in housing discrimination.
- Use the word "Sustainable" or "Green" for "Clean"
- Include food insecurity? The group prefers to **stay focused on housing, transportation**

2. Planning Affordable Housing Workshop Series:

Goal of the Workshops: Educate this group about affordable housing in Livermore so the group can effectively advocate for affordable housing and a more equitable community.

Topics and Participants for a Series of Workshops - Draft:

- A. Inventory **Steve Stewart, Frances Reisner- Community Development**
- B. Funding (developer, City, programs, etc.) **Steve Stewart, Frances Reisner**
- C. Human services organizations **Claudia Young- Community Development**
 - o *Talk about how housing impacts the populations they serve*
- D. Federal and State requirements/programs
 - i. General Plan/Zoning- Housing Element Certification (California Department of Housing and Community Development) **Steve Stewart**
 - o *Include impact/advantages of units in exchange to developers "in lieu fee"*
 - o *Include infill + Urban Growth Boundary (need to increase density while integrating with existing neighborhoods) (home buyer biases against "affordable" housing)*
 - o *Include school surplus property*
 - ii. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) **Steve Stewart - state program**
Housing Authority (vouchers) **Frances Reisner**
 - o *Invite ED of Livermore Housing Authority to partner with Fran - issues like vouchers can be addressed more effectively -Dijon Scott Miller*
 - iii. HUD (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development) **Frances Reisner**
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding **Claudia Young**
 - iv. NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) and YIMBY (Yes In My Backyard) organizations/movement/influence **Steve Stewart**
 - v. Historical context of housing development and lending practices in the United States ('redlining', book- Color of Law) (book- *Golden Gates: Fighting for Housing in America*)
 - o *Presenter suggestions:*
 - *Julie Pierce, on board of Regional Housing & Transportation for ABAG*
 - *SJSU university professor? Bob Rucker will explore options at SJSU*
 - *Terner Center for Housing and Innovation in Berkeley*
 - o *Be sure to relate the historical perspective to the context today in Livermore, include steps taken to remedy these past discriminations*
 - vi. Real estate trends in Livermore **invite a Livermore realtor?**
 - o *Invite the Rental Housing Association as there are trends now in CA that are disturbing (just presented to the Business Alliance) Bill Mulgrew Rental Housing Association of Southern Alameda County.*
 - o *Consider including the coded language" used in real estate = biases against "affordable" housing, multi-unit developments*
 - vii. Demographic data in Livermore, County, State, nation **Steve Stewart**
 - o *This information will benefit the entire working group; not be needed for this workshop specifically.*

1st Workshops: Should the first workshops focus on nuts and bolts like logistics, laws and current framework for affordable housing, or should we begin with historical and discriminatory practices that have led to current state of housing?

Other Suggestions:

- Include time to debrief with focused questions to explore what all of this information means for E+I work in Livermore
- Who is the audience for the workshop? This is a lot of work and good information for the community to understand, but the first primary audience is the subgroup.
 - The workshops can be recorded and posted on the website for the broader community to access.
 - This group may facilitate workshops for the community in the future, using the recorded workshops as a starting point.

3. Next Steps

- Contact the presenters above to secure their time; have one more subgroup meeting to finalize an agenda and focus questions for the debrief.
 - Use a google doc to collect and refine debrief questions

4. Upcoming Events

- *City Council is having a workshop on Monday 12/7 at 5pm, will illustrate what it takes to bring a project to fruition. Christine will send an email with a meeting link: <https://cityoflivermore.net/civicax/filebank/documents/6014>
- A storytelling workshop is scheduled for December 9th for all subgroup members
- This group will reconvene in January 2021

*As much as possible, these notes are taken from statements made by the working group members.