

# Committee Introductions: Hopes & Goals



# Goals discussion

Equity-including people without internet; engaging the disengaged; reach out to marginalized or historically oppressed

Early learning-

Sense of future, transformation, future-identify what needs are broadly

How establish a \*collective\* sense of broadest needs?

Try to keep tabs on state more broadly doing in terms of recovery, not duplicate efforts

Short list: pre-K education/childcare, broadband coverage, electric vehicles, weatherization and home insulation, opioid treatment, infrastructure, septic system above Basin Street (need for sewer?), access to Basin Street (emergency vehicles), more accessible food shelf

Importance to reach out to community-identify invisible barriers, not just address the symptom of the problem

Maximize dollars to impact as many people as possible, leave our community some kind of legacy for future generations - long term big pictures

# Public Engagement

...want to be as inclusive as possible, keep door wide open to listen to all

Focus groups of government/business/non-profit/schools first

Where do those stakeholders see negative effects of COVID

What opportunities do they see for ARPA funds to create positive impact

After that, gather ideas and input from general public

Also: outreach to specific groups - marginalized/historically oppressed, elderly, underrepresented, people who work 4 jobs and can't get to meetings...

