

PAGE GP2-4: Goal 2.B: Social justice and equity

*The City of Portland seeks social justice by working to expand choice and opportunity for all community members, recognizing a special responsibility to identify, **orient**, and involve under-served and under-represented communities in land use planning. The City actively works to improve its land use-related decisions to achieve more equitable distribution of burdens and benefits.*

I had to think for a bit to understand what was meant by “orient”. I think I understand but don’t think it’s very accessible language for many community members.

Goal 2.C: Value community wisdom and participation

Portland values and encourages community and civic participation. The City seeks and considers community wisdom, and integrates it with sound technical analysis, to strengthen land use decisions.

I think the above paragraph would be a good place to say something about different cultural perspectives.

Goal 2.F: Accessible and effective participation

City planning, policy, investment, and development decision-making processes are designed to be accessible and effective. The City draws from acknowledged best practices and uses a wide variety of tools to promote inclusive, collaborative, and robust community involvement.

I would add “culturally accessible”

PAGE GP3-18: Middle-wage jobs that require less college education and improve equity are concentrated in the industrial sectors.

I would remove the language about “improve equity” since it tends to support a stereotype about the folks who come from communities experiencing disparities.

PAGE GP4-11: Policy 4.41 Preservation equity. *Expand historic preservation inventories, regulations, and programs to encourage historic preservation in areas that are underrepresented by current historic preservation efforts.*

I think it’s confusing to use the term equity in this context. “Historically underserved” would work, but when we begin to apply equity to objects (historic buildings, neighborhood’s etc) it starts to get murky

PAGE GP5-5: Goal 5.B: Equitable access to housing

*Portland ensures equitable access to housing, making a special effort to **remove** disparities in housing access for people of color, low-income households, diverse household types, older adults, and **households that include people with disabilities.***

I’d say **address** rather than remove. or **eliminate**. We can remove barriers, but I’m not sure we can remove disparities.

Also, saying households that include people with disabilities seems a little off. Maybe just people with disabilities. (I'm not sure single people consider themselves a household)

PAGE GP6-1: *Expand economic opportunity and improve economic equity for Portland's growing population through sustained business growth.*

This whole section refers to "economic equity". Equity is the goal so it doesn't have to be improved. I think it needs to be more specific about addressing disparities, removing barriers etc. I think "identify and remove barriers" is clearer.

Chapter 7: Environment and Watershed Health

I am surprised to find no mention of Environmental Justice which is an established legal term and part of our Title VI obligation.

Goal 7.D on Environmental Equity talks about All Portlanders having access. The way I understand it, that is equality, equity is the formula/set of actions that address the disparities so we have equality. I think this is an important place to talk about using EJ tools to talk about the goal to clean up the hazards that poor folks (and disproportionately people of color) have to live near.

PAGE GP8-11: *Policy 8.8 Co-location.* *Encourage co-location of public facilities and services across providers where co-location improves service delivery efficiency and equity.*

I'd suggest being more specific about what that means i.e.: replace equity with "access for historically underserved communities"