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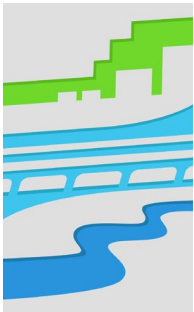
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## Virtual Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee Subcommittee on Racial Discrimination & Equity

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:30 PM

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### I. Introductions & Call to Order – Hoyt Prindle, Chairman

### II. Draft Resolution

#### A. Original – Hoyt Prindle

#### B. Proposed Revisions

##### i. Clifford Reiss

##### ii. Dayna Lazarus

#### C. Discussion

#### D. Recommendation to CAC

### III. Adjournment

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### **Original as Propose by Hoyt L. Prindle, III**

Racial discrimination remains a far too prevalent experience in American life. The extreme acts of violence and excessive force that lead to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and far too many other African Americans are a reminder that America's original sin must still be eradicated in order for us to truly achieve a more perfect union.

Throughout the course of history, this racial discrimination has found its way into transportation. Whether it be requiring African Americans to sit in the back of a bus, purposefully using freeways as a slum clearing tool to bulldoze and divide African American neighborhoods, or refusing to have trains come into certain communities for fear that it would allow African Americans and other minorities to easily reach those communities, our country has time and again used transportation as a tool of freedom for some, but destruction for others.

We, the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee, stand with those who peacefully protest for a more equal society that is free from racial discrimination. In the area of transportation, we support ending racial discrimination in transportation, which includes ensuring more robust access of transportation to all modes of transportation, for all communities, in all areas of Hillsborough County. We adopt this resolution on June 10, 2020 and recommend that the entire Hillsborough MPO board adopt a resolution affirming the same, while allowing the MPO staff to develop action items in support of this resolution.

## **Suggested Changes by CAC member Cliff Reiss– discussion and my rational follows....**

Racial discrimination remains a far too prevalent experience in American life. The extreme acts of violence and excessive force that **lead led** to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and far too many other African Americans and minorities are a reminder that America's **original sin racism** must still be eradicated in order for us to truly achieve a more perfect union.

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### **CLIFF'S DISCUSSION / CONCERNS / RATIONAL**

A great idea – thanks for suggesting this!

In my opinion it needs a broader focus – this is not just an African American issue – racism has and continues to exist in many forms affecting many minorities.

I have a problem with the reference to “original sin” – to me that’s Adam and Eve, the Apple, and Procreation. Also, America didn’t invent slavery – slavery has been around for thousands of years all over the world from biblical times to now. Slavery was brought to the New World by the Spanish, French, British, Portuguese and others from various European countries. If there is any “original sin” it’s America’s displacing of Native Americans. I therefore strongly recommend modifying the 2’nd sentence of the first paragraph to read :

*...and far too many other African Americans and minorities are a reminder that America’s ~~original sin~~ racism must still be eradicated in order for us to truly achieve a more perfect union.*

I would also carry over the broadening of the resolution to reference all minorities into the 2’nd paragraph. Yes, African Americans were the group historically relegated to the “back of the bus” but other initiatives have impacted all minorities not just African Americans. I therefore strongly recommend modifying the middle paragraph to read

*Throughout the course of history, this racial discrimination has found its way into transportation. Whether it be requiring African Americans to sit in the back of a bus, purposefully using freeways as a slum clearing tool to bulldoze and divide ~~African American~~ minority and disadvantaged neighborhoods, or refusing to have ~~trains transit~~ come into certain communities for fear that it would allow ~~African Americans and other~~ minorities to easily reach those communities, our country has time and again used transportation as a tool of freedom for some, but destruction for others.*

Paragraph 3 stands as written