

## AD HOC HOUSING COMMITTEE

August 20, 2020  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

### Members:

Mayor Pro Tem Stephens, Councilmember Cunniff, Councilmember Gorgol

### Attendees:

Staff Members: Darin Atteberry, Jacqueline Kozak-Thiel, Caryn Champine, Ingrid Decker, Lindsay Ex, Meaghan Overton, Carrie Daggett

Community Members: Kevin Jones, Lisa Eaton

**Call to Order:** 1:03

### Initial Grounding and Chair Selection:

- Staff provided an overview of the Committee purpose and goals.
- Councilmembers selected a Committee Chair: Councilmember Cunniff moved to appoint Councilmember Gorgol Chair of the Committee, Mayor Pro Tem Stephens seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

### Whiteboard Activity

- Preliminary brainstorm activity.
- Council placed virtual “stamps” on 21 various topics to find overlap and develop priorities.
- Want to know what we are trying to solve and focus on.
- Need dedicated funding source specifically for housing – preserving, protecting, and expanding.
- Would like to align the Housing Strategic Plan with Climate Action (Our Climate Future).
- People seem to want to move beyond affordable housing and address the missing middle.
  - Need to ensure community is on board.
  - Housing as Health could push community to accept more density.
  - Neighborhoods are part of our City, not a separate entity.
  - How do we get buy-in from all areas of the City?.

### Review Purpose & Develop Preliminary Work Plan

- Could there be a video that is referenced before meetings to ensure focus?
- Would like to hear from builders and developers that could address the missing middle.
- A lot of standard practices have been tried – would like to hear more cutting edge and innovative ideas, or from communities with dedicated funds – how they got community buy-in.
- Want to discuss capacity with some of our nonprofit partners in town – are there others who could participate/partner?
- Need to understand hard costs and look at separate funding options for missing middle.

- Need to talk about equity and community perspectives – how we will rebound from COVID.
- Would like to set up a long-term strategy while tackling low hanging fruit.
- What are the higher-level problems we want to solve?
- The goal is to fill the gap and make sure we have enough affordable housing for future needs.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Commission and Affordable Housing Board need to be included in visioning.

### **Logistics & Next Steps**

- Preference for monthly meetings, earlier or later in the day (middle of the day challenging).
- Public participation in the beginning to provide initial input, and at end to hear communities' last thoughts.
- Should link up with Home2Health as they are doing a ton of community engagement.

### **Next Meeting Focus**

- Think about voices that could be added to this conversation and consider educational info (video) be sent out prior to allow for more focused meetings.
- Work session takes place Tuesday, August 25.
- Check in during first few meetings to make sure we're all on the same page.
- Things change and we don't know everything that will be discussed.
- Success would be:
  - The ability to offer advice to Council on policy so they can take those suggestions and make decisions.
  - Getting some units out there and helping our community.
  - Action and new ideas.
- Home2Health is leading engagement on this effort, and we have clear direction for where to head next month.

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:30**