



City Council

Approval of the 2017 work plan for the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing recommends approval of the Ad Hoc Committee's 2017 work plan.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the 2017 work plan for the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the 2017 work plan for the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

The Committee met on Friday March 10, 2017 and considered a draft work plan. The Committee made modifications to the work plan and forwards the attached work plan to City Council with a recommendation to approve it.

The work plan as structured is ambitious and will stretch staff; however, the work is important and staff will work to meet the objectives outlined in the work plan. This work may have impacts on other work items on the Community Planning and Development Department's work plan.

Committee 2017 Work Plan items:

1. Partnership/Funding: Meet with Thurston County to understand the Housing Pipeline and the County's response to housing affordability and homelessness.

2. Partnership: Meet with Thurston County to understand the draft 10 Year Plan and how it connects to the Housing Pipeline and Olympia's unique challenges in the region.
3. Review Tools/Partnerships: Develop an understanding of the coordinated entry system and the vulnerability index.
4. Review Tools/Funding: Develop an understanding of the relationship between public safety needs and housing affordability and homelessness issues.
5. Review Tools: Consider housing affordability and homelessness responses of Bellingham, Vancouver, Everett, Seattle or other communities that have engaged in coordinated efforts to address housing affordability and homelessness.
6. Background: Review the Downtown Strategy and City Staff work around homelessness and affordable housing.
7. Engagement: Consider options for gathering public input including survey data about various housing affordability and homelessness issues and potential solutions.
8. Engagement: Consider options for educating the general public about the housing affordability and homelessness issues.
9. Background: Understand the existing and needed capacity for homeless support services in Olympia and our region and identify gaps in that system or our information.
10. Review Tools: Understand the full spectrum of housing options, definitions, applications and needs including affordable housing, transitional housing, supportive housing, emergency shelter, and day center and identify gaps in that system or our information.
11. Review Tools: Consider the Housing Tool Kit and develop options for implementation.
12. Develop a report on options for housing affordability and homelessness response.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

None.

Options:

1. Approve the proposed Work Plan for the AHCOHA
2. Amend the proposed Work Plan for the AHCOHA
3. Refer the proposed Work Plan to the AHCOHA for further deliberation and recommendation

Financial Impact:

None.

Attachments:

Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability 2017 Work Plan