Planning Commission

Discussion of Current and Potential Affordable Housing Programs and Incentives

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Title
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Recommended Action
Presentation and discussion only. No action requested.

Report
Issue:
Discuss existing and potential affordable housing programs within the City of Olympia and potential affordable housing programs and incentives in the future.

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Background and Analysis:
At a previous meeting Planning Commission members requested that staff provide a background on affordable housing programs that the city administers.

This presentation will include an overview of city housing programs and services that the city administers, the status and challenges of those programs, and areas for opportunity for Olympia.

Topics covered in this presentation and discussion will include:
- Home Fund Levy funded project status
- Multifamily Tax Incentive (MFTE)
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Impact Fee Abatement Program
- Homeless Response
- Mitigation Site
- Plum Street Village and faith-based tiny homes
- Property acquisition

- Racial equity in housing
- Supportive and Affordable Housing (funded by new 'HB 1406' revenue)
- Update on the new Regional Housing Council
- Renter protections
- One Community: Healthy, Safe, Housed plan
- Planned and potential next steps to grow affordable housing opportunity

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):
Access to affordable housing and siting of development related to affordable housing is of high interest to businesses, neighborhoods, and the community at large.

Options:
N/A Discussion only

Financial Impact:
N/A

Attachments:
MRSC Affordable Housing Webpage