

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: November 21st, 2017 **Approx. Start Time:** 3:00 pm Approx.

Length: One hour.

Presentation Title: Affordable Housing and Houselessness
Policy Advisory Committee(s)

Department: County Administration/H3S

Presenters: Dan Chandler

Other Invitees: Richard Swift, Vahid Brown, Jill Smith

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Pursuant to Board direction at an October 31 policy session we are asking the commission to approve a makeup and charter for a committee or committees to provide additional guidance and leadership on housing affordability and houselessness issues.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

County Goals

In July, 2017 the Board of Commissioners approved a new strategic plan. The Board of Commissioners adopted a set of milestones, community indicators and goals across 5 Areas of Strategic Focus:

Among those goals were the following:

By 2022, 2000 units of housing, affordable to a variety of residents, will be developed within Clackamas County, through a combination of public and private partnerships, and appropriate regulatory changes. Of that number, the Housing Authority goal will be to provide 1000 units affordable to households earning 60% of the area median income or less.

By 2019, the number of unsheltered veterans in Clackamas County will be zero.

Since those goals were considered, the County has received additional information on the increasing numbers of families and children lacking safe, warm and habitable shelter. That information led the Board of Commissioners to unanimously adopt a Resolution Declaring a Local State of Emergency and Declaring Emergency Measures to Address Housing Crisis.

In order to develop a strategy to address these issues, the Board recently began a series of special work sessions focused on housing affordability and houselessness.

In the first work session, speakers outlined the approaches taken in other areas to create inter-jurisdictional and community-wide housing groups that align efforts to develop and implement policy solutions for homelessness and a lack of affordable housing

At a policy session on October 31st, the Board discussed the potential makeup of a committee and directed staff to come back with a proposed committee makeup and charter.

Proposed committee makeup:

Housing Affordability Policy Advisory Committee

Organization

Portland Homebuilders
Business Organization
Lending Institution
Affordable Housing Provider
Tenant Organization
Portland Metro Ass'n of Realtors
Philanthropic Organization
Healthcare Provider
Employer
Schools
At Large (Housing Developer)
At Large
At Large

Ex Officio Non Voting Members

County Commissioner
City Elected Official
City Elected Official

Proposed Charter

1. Review and provide specific recommendations for funding mechanisms and policy changes to support housing affordability in Clackamas County and interested cities.
2. Provide recommendations for long-term governance and coordination of housing affordability and houselessness reduction efforts in Clackamas County and interested cities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES X NO

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- How does this item align with the County’s Performance Clackamas goals?

This item is a direct implementation step of the two goals mentioned above.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends as follows:

1. Direct staff to begin recruiting members for the committee as proposed.
2. Solicit outside assistance in staffing the committee and potential funding contributions.
3. Approve the draft charter as a starting point for the committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

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