

KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

AGENDA TITLE: Affordable Housing Committee Updates

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Background

This staff report summarizes recent activities of the Growth Management Planning Council's (GMPC) Affordable Housing Committee (AHC). There are no action items for the GMPC related to this update at the March 31, 2021, meeting.

AHC Meeting Summary

At the March 24, 2021, AHC meeting, the Committee did the following:

- **Adopted a 2021 work plan**, which includes the following:
 1. Equitably address the need to ensure that no low-income household in King County is cost burdened
 - Establish the Community Partners Table (the Table) and ensure strong partnership between the Table and the Committee
 - Consider recommendations and priorities driven by the Table
 - Prioritize Black, Indigenous, and People of Color and nonprofit stakeholders serving marginalized populations (including LGBTQIA, disability, immigrant, and refugee voices) when seeking new Committee membership
 2. Update zoning and land use regulations to increase affordable housing production and preservation
 - Identify and promote jurisdictional strategies (e.g., example effective ordinances) that increase and diversify housing choices and maximize affordability, especially in areas with access to frequent or high capacity transit
 - Recommend to the GMPC amendments to CPP Housing Chapter and track progress towards adoption and ratification
 3. Identify and implement new and unused revenue tools to increase affordable housing production and preservation
 - Continue to monitor and report expenditures being made regionally in affordable housing
 - Discuss, identify, and take next steps to advance the AHC's Shared Revenue Principles
 - Consider and inform the Health Through Housing sales tax implementation plan

4. Be accountable to each other and the community
 - Release a dashboard to track and communicate regional progress towards implementation of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five Year Action Plan, build awareness, and ensure coordination and accountability for affordable housing efforts across King County
 - Provide input on what should be included in future dashboard updates
 - Review and evaluate the Committee and recommend alternative governance structures as needed to implement the action plan
 5. Advance general Committee business
 - Produce and adopt 2020 annual report
 - Review the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Final Report and Recommendations annually to select items to include in the 2022 work plan
 - Produce and adopt 2022 work plan in consultation with the Table
 - Revisit the Charter and propose changes in consultation with the Table
 - Support and track 2021 state legislative agenda implementation
 - Develop and adopt a 2022 state legislative agenda
 - Develop and advocate with one voice for federal funding for regional affordable housing
- **Discussed and identified an approach to advancing the AHC's Shared Revenue Principles** through increased transparency with and efficiency of new affordable housing revenue
 - **Consulted with King County on the development of the Health Through Housing Implementation Plan**, a new program to create 1,600 units of permanently supportive housing for chronically homeless residents
 - **Received a briefing on the status of the AHC's 2021 state legislative priorities**
 - **Received a briefing on relevant GMPC activity**, including GMPC concurrence of AHC member appointments, adoption of AHC charter amendments, and review of the AHC's recommended amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) Housing Chapter

Other Project Updates

The AHC also received but did not discuss a staff report on other [project updates](#), which included information about an open **Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to create and manage the Community Partners Table** and the status of the **Affordable Housing Dashboard**.