

Memo

To: King County Affordable Housing Committee Members

From: McCaela Daffern, Regional Affordable Housing Implementation Manager

cc: Housing Interjurisdictional Team

Date: March 19, 2021

Re: Affordable Housing Committee Project Updates

Background

This briefing provides updates on several Affordable Housing Committee (AHC or Committee) work plan items not on the agenda for discussion at the March 24 AHC meeting.

Countywide Planning Policies Housing Chapter Update

King County staff briefed the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) on the Committee's recommended amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies Housing Chapter on February 24, 2021. The [briefing](#) included a summary overview of the intent of the amendments, an overview of each policy, and an explanation about how three areas of AHC concern were addressed. An additional area of AHC concern – the capacity of smaller cities to meet the data reporting requirements in the policies – will be explored further when staff meet with the King County Planning Directors on March 25. Staff will report back to the AHC and GMPC on findings.

Community Partners Table Consultant Selection

On March 5, 2021, the King County Department of Community and Human Services posted a [Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) for a consultant to set up and manage the Community Partners Table (Table) of the AHC. The primary purpose of the Table is to ensure that people who have historically been excluded have a means to inform and shape the AHC's efforts to eliminate housing cost burden among low-income households in King County. The Table will represent the people most negatively affected by the regional housing crisis—including cost-burdened Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Engaging and partnering with the Table will be an important aspect of centering equity in the AHC's work, a consistent commitment in the Committee's work plan.

Qualified teams will demonstrate the following:

- understanding and experience in successfully working within existing governmental structures while advocating for equity-based changes;
- experience developing equitable solutions to affordable housing issues affecting low-income BIPOC communities;
- ability to facilitate and plan meetings;
- ability to develop and implement a work plan;
- capacity to manage a stipend program for participating organizations and conduct other administrative tasks; and
- experience leading movement-building, capacity-building, and/or collaborative organizing projects with

BIPOC-led community-based organizations.

Submissions are due by April 6, 2021, and the successful consulting team is expected to begin work in early May.

Dashboard Release and Scoping

The Affordable Housing Dashboard is now in the final stages of review. The dashboard is expected to be released in late spring or early summer. The Committee will be invited to attend the release event once scheduled.

At the May 10, 2021, AHC meeting, staff will facilitate a scoping conversation with the Committee for 2021 dashboard updates. Based on the feedback and guidance received, staff will adjust the next iteration of the dashboard and brief the Committee on progress at the July 2021 AHC meeting.

Committee Member Appointments, 2021-2022

On February 24, 2021, the GMPC concurred with the GMPC Chair’s 2021-2022 AHC member [appointments](#).

Affordable Housing Committee Charter Amendments

On February 24, 2021, the GMPC adopted without changes the Committee’s recommended [AHC charter](#) amendments.

Housing Planning Activities Calendar

At the January 29, 2021 AHC meeting, a Committee member requested staff create a calendar displaying the due dates of various major housing planning activities at the multicounty, county, and local levels, such as those required under the Growth Management Act and those optionally undertaken under other state legislation, such as Housing Action Plans supported by House Bill 1923. Image 1 is a visual aid showing the timelines of and key interconnections among these activities.

Image 1

Housing Planning Activities in King County

Legend: Multicounty Countywide Local Jurisdiction

	Earlier	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
VISION 2050 & Multicounty Planning Policies <i>2017-2050 planning horizon</i>	Adopted Oct 2020					
Multicounty Housing Needs Assessment <i>Assessment of current and future need out to 2050</i>		Estimated: Early 2021				
Multicounty Regional Housing Strategy <i>2020-2050 planning horizon</i>		Estimated: Spring 2021				
Regional Housing Support and Data Analysis <i>Ongoing, planning horizons vary</i>				Work plan TBD in 2021		
Urban Growth Capacity Study <i>Analysis of 2012-2018 performance</i>		Due to GMPC June 2021 Jurisdictions Ratify by Dec 2021				
Countywide Planning Policies: Housing Chapter <i>2019-2044 planning horizon</i>		GMPC Recommend June 2021 Jurisdictions Ratify by Dec 2021				
Countywide Housing Growth Targets <i>2019-2044 planning horizon</i>		GMPC Recommend June 2021 Jurisdictions Ratify by Dec 2021				
Housing Action Plans <i>Voluntary—start dates and planning horizons vary</i>		Individual Timelines				
Comprehensive Plan Housing Element & Technical Appendix <i>2024-2044 planning horizon</i>		Individual Timelines, Due June 2024				
Housing Needs Assessments <i>Assessment of current and future need out to 2044</i>		Individual Timelines				