

Memorandum

Community Development Department



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TO: Mayor and Council
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SUBJECT: 1/8/09:Issue Review Session Agenda Item: Housing Committee Work Plan

Staff will be presenting the Housing Committee draft work plan for Council consideration.

Affordable Housing Committee

Work Plan 2008-2009

- a. Explore regulatory-based incentives for the development affordable housing and implementation of inclusionary housing programs:
 - In-lieu fee payment
 - Control periods
 - Set-asides requirements
 - Density bonus
 - Other developer incentives
- b. Develop an affordable housing strategy to guide the City's overall efforts in creating and maintaining affordable housing
 - Ensure fair and accessible housing
 - Update analysis of impediments
 - Explore options for displacement of mobile homes resulting from redevelopment
 - Seek availability of incremental Section 8 Voucher assistance to provide adequate housing as a means to promote affordable housing
- c. Seek to create new affordable housing programs and evaluate existing programs
 - Adopt an Affordable Housing Trust Fund (HTF) ordinance
 - Upon adoption of the ordinance, research possible alternatives for a dedicated funding source for the HTF
 - Encourage and create working partnerships with existing and new partners (both private and non-profit) to create affordable housing
 - Research current of affordable housing and explore expansion of housing supply
 - Create partnership to expand special needs housing
 - Create partnership, or build on existing partnerships, to expand affordable housing for seniors
 - Explore appropriate means of leveraging of federal funds

d. Provide a forum for dialog with the community to understand the needs of affordable housing throughout the city

- Educate and inform community about affordable housing
- Invite and encourage dialog with community
- Assess effectiveness of actions/outcomes
- Seek regional cooperation

e. Encourage additional funding and continued support of the HOPE program and build partnerships that increase homeless individuals and families ability to obtain permanent affordable housing.

- Network with local homeless service providers to develop a continuum of services in Tempe
- Research and apply for all appropriate sources of funding in partnership with local homeless service providers
- Educate community including all key stakeholders about their ability to use and support program
- Continue to facilitate Tempe Project Homeless Connect events. Work with other East Valley cities to assist them with facilitating Project Homeless Connect in their communities
- Increase awareness of the Housing First model and work with Tempe-based homeless service providers to examine the feasibility of a partnership that could lead to implementation of the Housing First model in Tempe
- Partner with Tempe-based homeless service providers to develop and implement an employment training program for chronically homeless individuals