

Item Title: Establishment of a Wake County Steering Committee on Affordable Housing

Specific Action Requested:

That the Wake County Board of Commissioners establishes a Steering Committee on Affordable Housing.

Item Summary:

On May 6, 2016, Housing and Community Revitalization staff and community partners convened to discuss affordable housing and build upon the Board of Commissioner Work Session held on March 14, 2016. The purpose of this meeting was to identify the priority areas, among representative stakeholders, for additional investment in affordable housing in Wake County.

A memo was subsequently provided to County management outlining the priority areas and populations as supported by the group identified barriers and needs within the community. Staff's ultimate recommendation, to insure County investments were aligned with community need, was to create an Affordable Housing Steering Committee. The proposed Steering Committee would work with a consultant to develop a comprehensive affordable housing plan that will provide actionable steps to guide future request and subsequent investment of additional resources.

In response to the Memo, an additional Board of Commissioner Work Session was held on September 12, 2016. A scope and framework of the proposed Affordable Housing Plan, including anticipated outcomes and timelines, as well as the recommendation of a Board appointed Steering Committee was presented. Therefore, the Wake County Board of Commissioners will establish the Wake County Steering Committee on Affordable Housing. The Steering Committee will be comprised of County staff and community partners dedicated to working with a consultant who will produce a 20-year, comprehensive affordable housing plan focusing on, but not limited to, the following items:

1. Defining Affordable Housing within Wake County
2. Compile and analyze all existing affordable housing efforts in Wake County
3. Identify gaps, propose solutions and present methods for increasing and preserving the affordable housing stock in Wake County
4. Determine the County's role toward the overall investment of Affordable Housing
5. Link actionable steps to Board of Commissioner Goals and Wake County Transit Plan

This request is for the Wake County Board of Commissioners to establish the Steering Committee by October 1, 2016 with the expectation that the group will commit to a 12-month effort with deliverables in the form of a 20-year, comprehensive affordable housing plan to the Wake County Board of Commissioners by September 30, 2017. The Steering Committee will meet in person at least once monthly, and there will be subcommittees that will provide continuous efforts as needed to assure that the work

moves to completion. Each Steering Committee member is expected to serve on a subcommittee.

The Steering Committee will be comprised of up to 30 community leaders. The Board of Commissioners will appoint members to the Steering Committee.

Attachments:

1. Memo: Priority Areas for Additional Investment in Wake County Affordable Housing
2. Wake County Affordable Housing September 2016 Work Session Presentation
3. Membership Categories for the Affordable Housing Steering Committee