

June 26 Housing Commission Questions and Follow-Up

| Question | Requestor | Question/Comment | Topic | Response |
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| 1 | Lourdes | How many senior citizens are being assisted through the Owner Occupied program? | Director's Report | Thirty six (36) of the seventy three (73) households assisted through the owner occupied program during Fiscal Year 2019 were Senior Citizens. That is approximately 49% of clients this |
| 2 | Lourdes | Have we tracked the impact (property values/taxes) to homeowners in the owner occupied programs? | Director's Report | Staff has not tracked the impact. |
| 3 | Lourdes | How do we protect the affordability of home assisted through the Owner Occupied Rehab program? | Director's Report | Staff currently does not. However, residents do qualify for various exemptions and the City is exploring the use of Neighborhood Empowerment Zones. |
| 4 | Lourdes | The importance of the report of the Mayor's Policy Task Force and recommendation of focusing on 60% AMI is in San Antonio only. Is there a way to synchronize, transition or set a standardization? Do we have the ability to set targets and priorities within the 80% range? | Director's Report | The focus for NHSD moving forward is to focus incentives on the lower AMI spectrum (<50% for renters and <80% for homeowners). Through this, we are targeting those with the greatest needs and projects that require the most financial incentives to be feasible. |
| 5 | Lourdes | Homelessness number appears like it's grown in the City. Current approach is not creating enough permanent housing. Add component – what is the plan and continuum and commitment from the City? | Budget Presentation | The 2019 point in time count presented a decrease in homelessness in over all. There is not enough permanent supportive housing for chronic homelessness. DHS is working with the community to address homelessness. Street outreach software assists in better tracking homelessness in the field (going to client). DHS is partnering with SAHA to designate 40 section 8 vouchers for chronic homeless no longer in need of intensive assisting. DHS has also released a RFQ for a consultant to provide a 5 to 10 year strategic plan. \$2.4 million provided to Haven for Hope to bed families, which is the category that is rising in regards to homelessness. Lastly, a clinician was hired to address mental health/drug issues. |
| 6 | Lourdes | Where are we at with Housing Trust Assessment? | Affordable Housing Dashboard | The Report is being reviewed and will be finalized by the end of July. |
| 7 | Lourdes | Need to schedule meetings with CMs (particularly new) to get perspective | Anti Displacement Strategy | Staff is coordinating with the Mayor's office to schedule meetings. |
| 8 | Jessica | Request to get an update from the Office of Equity | Director's Report | Staff is working to coordinate a presentation from the office of equity at a future meeting. |
| 9 | Jessica | Not sure where evaluation plan is. Concerned about reallocation of funds within first million. How can we plan better? | Director's Report | Staff is currently consolidating multiple documents developed with input from internal and external sources. A document will be ready for review within the upcoming weeks. |
| 10 | Keith | In regards to displacement in the short term, how do we provide more funding? | Budget Presentation | The director is in charge of reallocation of funds. Because of overwhelming demand for emergency assistance, Veró has reallocated \$100,000 from the relocation assistance program to emergency assistance. The strategy is to use those funds to clear the backlog of individuals who have applied for service through |
| 11 | Keith | Will the dashboard be focused on affordable housing units? | Affordable Housing Dashboard | Yes, they will be. |

Questions from Citizens to be Heard

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| | Jessica | Read statement from citizen: Mayor mentioned a safe public parking program. Staff to request statement from Jessica to follow up. | | Department of Human Services staff is currently coordinating with citizen. |

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| Discussion Topics for Upcoming Meetings |
| July meeting to focus on budget, CDBG Action Plan |

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| General Acknowledgements |
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