

**Housing Commission to Protect and
Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods
Policy and Infrastructure Subcommittee**

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

1400 South Flores

Call to Order

Present: Jennifer Gonzalez, Jim Bailey, Carol Rodriguez (arrived 11:35), Natalie Griffith, Rod Radle, Mu Son Chi (arrived 11:45)

Absent: Noah Garcia

• **Staff Present:**

John Dugan, Director, Department of Planning & Community Development
Edward Mungia, City Council Office
Michael Taylor, Department of Planning & Community Development
Ramiro Fernandez, Department of Planning & Community Development
Christopher Lazaro, Department of Planning & Community Development
Danny Liguez, Development Services Department
Catherine Hernandez, Development Services Department
Susan Guinn, City Attorney's Office
Tom Morgan, Department of Planning & Community Development

- A. Briefing and discussion on the Subcommittee workplan.
- B. Initial briefing and discussion on a framework for a policy and program assessment.

Michael Taylor presented and shared the survey results.

Rod Radle stated Ft Worth had specific neighborhoods that followed the plan, possibly a model project. Could we get some feedback? It's a different approach than the whole city.

Michael Taylor asked if there was agreement that we don't look city-wide but instead at specific areas.

Carol Rodriguez asked what would be the criteria for the specific areas if going that route. More information would be needed.

Draft Mission Statement

Jim Bailey indicated the statement does not completely encapsulate the mission. What does it mean by work with community stakeholders? Will this subcommittee do outreach to the development community?

Michael Taylor indicated that the biggest stakeholder, in this case, is the development community. This is not to say that the development community drives the process but they do have a big impact.

Natalie Griffith stated that it seems that the mission of this subcommittee is to develop policy recommendations. Whether we do that with community input or through meetings, the mission is to develop policy recommendations and how we go about doing that is different.

Ron Radle stated it could be counterproductive to have multiple community input meetings for all of the subcommittees. If we could coordinate that where we have meetings with the community that will have an overall orientation for the Commission but subsets for the individual committees.

Carol Rodriguez suggested deleting “exploring” use “address” instead.

Mu Son Chi stated the mission statement does not capture the name of the Housing Commission. What catches my eye “relocation assistance” if you’re going to talk about “relocation assistance” the need to prevent, preserve and protecting needs to be discussed.

Mu Son Chi suggested “to protect and preserve dynamic and diverse neighborhood”. This does not exclude the creation of affordable housing.

Carol Rodriguez suggested “in support of Housing Commission Mission” after requirements.

Policy Assessment Best Practices

Christopher Lazo presented on the Policy Assessment Best Practices.

Jim Bailey asked if staff could send a link of the 65 recommendations.

Role of Housing Commission

Jim Bailey stated there are things that are not in the UDC but are policy decisions. There is a great deal of effort going into the development of the Comprehensive Plan and we need to be as supportive as possible of those efforts and figure out how we can affect the ultimate results of that plan. In the short term we identify the things that can be accomplished with relatively minimal disruption.

Carol Rodriguez asked for clarification on short/long term.

Assessment Scope Options

Jim Bailey stated all of the actions of the boards and commissions are governed through the UDC or other code mechanisms. There is a great deal of turnover. The focus should be on UDC, Property Maintenance Code and looking at all the existing policies to see what impact they are having.

Mu Son Chi asked if there is something the subcommittee should be looking at. Looking at all the boards and commissions is undoable but there may be some pieces that the subcommittee should be reviewing and evaluating it.

Michael Taylor stated he could put together a list of those policies/boards.

Natalie Griffith stated she would like to suggest working on the Incentive Programs. This is the number one barrier to being able to work in affordable housing.

Carol Rodriguez asked if staff will provide goals/policies related to the Comprehensive Plan and Vacant Structures Board

Entities that Could Conduct

Policy and Infrastructure Subcommittee agreed to eliminate lunch and move time to 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

Staff-Led Assessment

Consultant-Led Assessment

University-Led Assessment

Jennifer Gonzalez asked what the time frame is between the Consultant and University Led Assessment.

Michael Taylor stated we would have to have a scalable proposal, cost and timeline requirements.

Natalie Griffith stated she likes the University-Led because it keeps the money local and we have more access.

Jim Bailey stated if the answer isn't all of the above, Staff-Led, Consultant-Led and University-Led. There are limited funds; the consultant could be on a limited basis to help focus staff efforts. Staff would be for the majority of the time and then a peer/independent review through the university.

Jennifer Gonzalez stated she is more for the consultant/university side and less staff due to time and workload.

Ron Radle stated we should do a review on the 65 recommendations and pinpoint the priorities we want to focus on.

Adjournment – 1:00 PM