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Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods

DEPARTMENT: Department of Planning and Community Development

DEPARTMENT HEAD: John Dugan

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Continuation of briefing and discussion on a policy and program assessment

SUMMARY:

This item will include a continuation of the staff briefing and Subcommittee discussion on a policy and program assessment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On October 27, 2015 the Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods established the Policy and Infrastructure Subcommittee in order to discuss relevant items on the Commission's FY 2016 Work Plan and to develop recommendations to bring back to the Commission for possible action. The Subcommittee includes seven (7) members from the Housing Commission: Jennifer Gonzalez - Chair, Jim Bailey - Vice Chair, Carol Rodriguez, Noah Garcia, Natalie Griffith, Rod Radle, and Mu Son Chi.

According to the FY 2016 Work Plan, the Policy and Infrastructure Subcommittee will:

- Review existing City policies, programs, and board/ commission actions to determine impacts on displacement, loss of affordable housing, and neighborhood change.
- Develop policy recommendations to reduce development costs and eliminate regulatory barriers to encourage more affordable housing production with a focus on alternative housing types such as duplexes, small multifamily developments, accessory dwelling units, and small lot subdivisions.

- Develop policy recommendations for proposed relocation assistance and inclusionary housing programs.

The Policy & Infrastructure Subcommittee first met on January 12, 2016 to consider the following items:

- Discussion of Roles and Responsibilities of Subcommittee
- Subcommittee Facilitated Discussion on Framework for a Policy and Program Assessment
- Discussion of Future Agenda Items

The facilitated discussion on the framework for a policy and program assessment continued on February 9 and March 8, 2016.

ISSUE:

The Mayor's Task Force for Preserving Dynamic & Diverse Neighborhoods recommended that the Housing Commission consider conducting an assessment of policies, programs, and boards/commissions to determine their impact on displacement, loss of affordable housing, and neighborhood change. The goal is that such an assessment would lead to recommendations that strengthen and stabilize neighborhoods, fostering more diverse, mixed-income communities throughout San Antonio.

Staff will continue its briefing to the Subcommittee on potential options and issues related to such an assessment in San Antonio.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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