



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Community Development

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Bridgett White

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Continuation of briefing and Subcommittee discussion on the Policy & Program Assessment

SUMMARY:

This item will include a continuation of the staff briefing and Subcommittee discussion on possible proposed changes to the Unified Development Code and related documents as part of the Housing Commission's Policy & 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 current Work Plan and to develop recommendations to bring back to the Commission for possible action. The Subcommittee currently includes six members from the Housing Commission: Jennifer Gonzalez, Richard Milk, Carol Rodriguez, Noah Garcia, Natalie Griffith, and Rod Radle.

One of the tasks assigned to the Policy and Infrastructure Subcommittee is to review existing City policies, programs, and board/commission actions to determine their impacts on displacement, loss of affordable housing, and neighborhood change. The goal is that this Policy & Program Assessment will lead to recommendations that strengthen and stabilize neighborhoods, fostering more diverse, mixed-income communities throughout San Antonio.

ISSUE:

The City anticipates future changes to the Unified Development Code to more closely align its policies with the goals adopted by City Council and outlined in the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, Multimodal Transportation Plan, and Sustainability Plan. The Housing Commission recognizes this as a strategic opportunity to recommend changes to be considered concurrently with the City's process that further the goal of creating and preserving affordable/workforce housing.

Staff will continue its briefing to the Subcommittee on possible recommendations the Commission may consider for revisions to the Unified Development Code, including a follow-up discussion on the draft findings from the staff working group.

The Policy & Program Assessment is included as an item on the approved FY 2017 Housing Commission Work Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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