



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager

From: Reginald J. Johnson, Director
Department of Community Development

Subject: Presentation on City of Durham Affordable Housing Goals
Prepared by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

Executive Summary

On September 1, 2015, the City of Durham entered into a contract with Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. to provide consulting and technical assistance engagement services. One of the major tasks to be undertaken by Enterprise is the creation of proposed affordable housing goals and strategies for Durham. Goals were created for both the Department of Community Development (DCD) and citywide. Based on City Council's feedback on the City of Durham affordable housing goals presentation, DCD staff will prepare recommendations for Council approval.

Recommendation

The Department of Community Development recommends that the City Council receive a presentation from Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. concerning the City of Durham affordable housing goals.

Background

Enterprise was hired by the City to provide technical assistance to the Department of Community Development in formulating measurable five-year goals and long-term strategies for affordable housing production, preservation, and neighborhood revitalization. Goals were created for both DCD and citywide. The DCD goals include 1) producing rental housing targeting < 50% AMI; 2) strengthening the homeless housing system; 3) preserving existing affordable rental housing; 4) preserving affordable homeownership in appreciating neighborhoods; 5) promoting homeownership citywide; 6) finishing the Southside development; and 7) launching a new neighborhood initiative in Northeast Central Durham. The citywide goals include 1) increasing resources for affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization; 2) developing a closer alignment with the Durham Housing Authority; 3) leveraging public resources to build an inclusive downtown; and 4) considering an enhanced density bonus as part of compact neighborhood districts.

Issues/Analysis

N/A

Alternatives

N/A

Financial Impact

N/A

SDBE Summary

N/A