



Home In Tacoma Project: Housing Equity Taskforce

September 9, 2021

Meeting objectives:

- Home In Tacoma Project updates
- Develop approach to creating an Anti-displacement Strategy

Agenda:

1. Housekeeping (10 min)
 - a. Approve notes from last meeting
 - b. Report on Planning Commission and Human Rights Commission meetings
 - c. Report outs & questions
2. Home In Tacoma Project updates (20 minutes)
 - a. City Council process
 - b. Public comment key themes
 - c. Input on how to refine the proposals?
3. Vision, mission and values of an Anti-displacement Strategic Plan (50 minutes)

We will conduct a group exercise using Mentimeter to consider these questions:

- a. What are the core problems?
 - b. What values should underpin this effort?
 - c. What is the vision?
 - d. What is the mission?
 - e. Who are we serving?
 - f. Who needs to be involved?
 - g. What are the most important actions?
 - h. What barriers we must overcome to implement?
 - i. What are the limits of what we can accomplish?
 - j. How should we establish priorities?
 - k. How would we know we were successful?
4. Next steps (10 min)
 - a. Upcoming meetings
 - b. Identify homework and staff tasks

Attachments:

1. Draft HET Meeting notes from 07-08-21

Upcoming agendas:

- Prioritize anti-displacement strategies moving forward
- Home In Tacoma – Phase 2 process
- Ongoing targeted outreach for Home In Tacoma
- Figure out how HET's work will fit with AHAS, Antiracist Transformation and other efforts
- Invite homeless advocates, other commissions, AHAS staff to discuss collaboration on housing equity
- Consider how to report progress/continue to focus attention on equity and housing

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MEETING NOTES (DRAFT)

DATE: Thursday, July 8, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Brickhouse (Co-Chair), Michealea Lemons, Alyssa Torrez

SUPPORT STAFF: Andreta Armstrong, Elliott Barnett, Jacques Colon, Wesley Taylor, ChiQuata Elder

1. Initial input on Rental Code update

- a. ChiQuata Elder provided an overview of the project intent and timeline.
- b. The HET discussed outreach approach ideas including reaching out to Pierce County Housing Authority, THA, Homeless Services Coalition, Associated Ministries and Hilltop Action Coalition.
- c. Engagement ideas: Use data and stories to communicate. In-person engagement is very important particularly for BIPOC, immigrant and refugee communities. Door to door canvassing.
- d. The HET requested the webpage and project overview to disseminate within their networks.
- e. The HET discussed topics, including: Allowing more time to rescind the 20 day notice; just cause evictions; and prioritizing people of color who are more affected by rental crises.

2. Finalize HET's 2nd Home in Tacoma Project letter

- a. The HET reviewed and approved the final comment letter to be forwarded to the City Council.

3. Initial input on Anti-displacement Strategy

- a. Staff provided an overview of existing and proposed anti-displacement policies and actions and requested input regarding whether other actions should be included in an Antidisplacement strategy.
- b. The HET discussed potential additional actions and questions including the following:
 - Property taxes are skyrocketing. Research existing breaks for elderly, people with disabilities.
 - Shared housing – promoting shared housing programs to help seniors and cost burdened people, to open up homes to shared housing renters.
 - Do more to publicize and inform people of resources available.
 - Consider neighborhood resources like grocery stores, employment, hospitals, transportation.
 - Factors to consider in prioritization: Probability of completion, timeframe, feasibility, what can be done most quickly, critical part is time.
 - A survey or group activity like Mentimeter would be a useful way to refine HET guidance

**These minutes are not a direct transcription of the meeting, but rather a brief capture.*