

Housing & Human Concerns Committee Members

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Housing & Human Concerns Mission Statement

The Housing and Human Concerns Committee advocates and monitors the basic needs and housing for the entire community, with a special focus on disadvantaged residents, by providing leadership and solutions through partnerships with community stakeholders and decision makers.

Housing and Human Concerns Two Year Work Plan - FY2018 & FY 2019

Goals, Projects, Priorities	Benefit, if completed	Mandated by Federal/State/Local law or by Council direction? (Y/N)	Policy change required at Council level? (Y/N)	Tasks associated with the goal, project, priority?	Resources needed for completion? Subcommittees? City staff assignments?	Estimated completion time?	Measurements of success. How will we know how we are doing?	Urgency- Urgent, 1-year, 2-year, Long Term
CONSOLIDATED PLAN								
Develop City's Annual Action Plan - CDBG and HOME Funding Recommendations	Production and preservation of affordable housing, homelessness prevention, provision of basic human needs services, economic development, public facility improvements, fair housing services - all to support low income residents.	Y	N/A	*Carry out the grant funding allocation process each year *Review/adjust process as needed	Staff coordinate and manage the process. HHCC reviews funding applications, holds public hearings for community participation and conducts funding allocations *staff involvement - high *consultant - n/a	December through March. The Action Plan goes to Council each April and is submitted to HUD each May.	Completion of funding allocations, achieving Consolidated Plan goals.	Urgent; annual
Develop HSFA Funding Recommendations	Provision of direct support and leveraging of support from others for local community based organizations to provide basic human needs services to the Redwood City community.	Y	N	*Carry out the grant funding allocation process each year *Review/adjust process as needed	Staff coordinate and manage the process. HHCC reviews funding applications, holds public meetings for community participation and conducts funding allocations * staff involvement - high *consultant - n/a	December through March. The recommended HSFA Funding Allocations go to Council typically as part of the City's Budget Process	Completion of funding allocations, achieving of goals as proposed by HSFA funded agencies; achieving Consolidated Plan goals.	Urgent; annual

HOUSING STRATEGIES TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AND DISPLACEMENT

<p>Explore Innovative housing solutions - partial list of ideas to be studied include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoning Review 2. Vehicular Housing 3. Tiny Homes 4. Better Use Of Public Land 	<p>Support City's efforts to create and preserve affordable housing and reduce homelessness and displacement</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Y and N</p>	<p>*presentations on innovative ideas at HHCC meetings*updates on innovative topics already in progress *HHCC ad hoc committees to further explore specific topics *determine format/process for sharing information with staff/Council</p>	<p>* staff and committee members could identify potential speakers/experts on innovative topics; staff to coordinate scheduling of potential speakers *staff involvement - medium *consultant involvement - possibly</p>	<p>Ongoing with goal of identifying 1-2 viable innovative housing solutions for Redwood City each year.</p>	<p>Council directs staff and/or HHCC committee to further explore one or more of the innovative housing solution ideas.</p>	<p>1-year to long term</p>
<p>Develop Affordable Housing Fund Allocation Guidelines for Use of Housing Impact Fee and make Recommendations for Inclusionary Zoning Requirements</p>	<p>Effective use of Housing Impact Fee and Inclusionary Zoning to create more Affordable Housing</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>*review and provide feedback to staff recommendations *make recommendation to City Council for approval *evaluate effectiveness of policies after they have been implemented</p>	<p>* staff developing initial draft recommendations *staff involvement - high *possible use of a consultant</p>	<p>December 2018</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Fund Allocation Guidelines for Use of Housing Impact Fee and Inclusionary Zoning approved and implementation begun</p>	<p>Urgent - 1 year; evaluate 1-2 years after implementation</p>
<p>Develop recommendations for policies/methods to produce more affordable housing</p>	<p>Assist staff and Council in further developing policies/methods to produce more affordable housing.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>* presentation to HHCC on topic of the differences between displacement and gentrification so the HHCC can understand the root causes and better contribute to developing policies * research and present to staff/City Council opportunities for creative housing policies * understand demographics for priorities—for whom is affordable housing needed?</p>	<p>* staff to identify and schedule speaker at HHCC meeting *possible ad hoc committee to research creative housing policies *staff and committee identify policies and policy experts that can come and further address the creative housing policies at an HHCC meeting *staff involvement - medium *consultant - possibly</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>one new policy/method has been adopted by Council by 2nd year.</p>	<p>2-year to long term</p>

Preventing Displacement /Improving Housing Security (Subset of Housing Strategies)								
Further explore renter protections - including possible policy recommendations - to stop displacement	Additional policies to prevent displacement and further protect Redwood City renters.	N	Y	*Monitor development and implementation of renter protection recommendations approved by Council in 2018 *More exploration of renter protections (policy recommendations?) to stop displacement *Investigate root causes of rent increases (eg., bank loans) and find creative ways to mitigate	*possible sub-committee *staff involvement - high *consultant - possibly		Council adoption of at least one additional policy to prevent displacement and further protect renters.	Urgency - 1-year, 2-years
HUMAN SERVICES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND								
Assure longevity of HSFA Fund through: *Development of HSFA Endowment Fund *Strategy for Growth of HFSA Endowment Fund	Ongoing support for vital services provided to Redwood City residents by non-profit partners	Y	TBD	* Review original direction from City Council in 2015 *Explore options for creating endowment fund *develop recommendation for strategy (possibly policy) for growth of the HSFA Endowment Fund	* Ad Hoc Subcommittee to work with staff on exploring options * staff involvement - medium * consultant - n/a	TBD (initiate in the short term and complete no later than 2 years)	1) HSFA Endowment Fund Established; 2) plan for how HSFA Endowment Fund continues to grow	2-year
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS								

Increase HHCC member knowledge of the work of agencies providing basic human needs services in Redwood City; and identify where needs/gaps may exist	Strengthened partnerships; stronger connections between partners and strengthened HSFA funding process. Stronger knowledge basis and understanding amongst HHCC members about basic human needs issues and how they are being addressed in Redwood City. Identification of needs/gaps that the City may want to find partners to address.	N	N	* HHCC members participate in more community based activities of the RWC non-profit partners *HHCC members participate in the Redwood City Quarterly Human Services Agency meetings	* staff to keep HHCC members informed about opportunities throughout the year * HHCC members committing to attending activities and events in the community * staff involvement - medium * consultant - n/a	ongoing	* All HHCC members have attended at least one agency activity during the year. * at least one HHCC member is in attendance at all Redwood City Quarterly Human Services Agency Meetings	1-year, ongoing
HHCC FUNCTIONING								
Increase Community Knowledge/Involvement / Participation with HHCC through: * meetings at locations in the community (ie schools, funded program locations) * encourage local community participation on particular topics of community interest	Increased input into HHCC efforts and understanding of community needs and priorities. Increased access to programs and services for the community.	N	N	* scheduling of some HHCC meetings in the community each year * identify and do extra outreach on topics of targeted community interest	* staff involvement for additional outreach; involve communications manager * HHCC member involvement in increased outreach would be needed. * staff involvement - medium * consultant - n/a	ongoing	1) 2-3 HHCC meetings/year in the community 2) 2 HHCC meetings/year with targeted community participation on specific topics	1-year
Explore opportunities to partner with Stanford (departments, students) on all issues (include in ad hoc community committee)	Increase resources to support HHCC efforts	N	N	* explore possibilities; need to assure that this would increase resources/capacities rather than add more tasks to staff to manage.	* HHCC member driven * staff involvement - low * consultant - n/a	Initiate in the short term and continue /ongoing as needed	Opportunities will be explored and partnerships will be initiated when possible	1-year to long term
Organize joint study session(s) with Planning Commission on housing related topics to develop creative solutions.	Support City's efforts to create and preserve affordable housing and reduce homelessness and displacement.	N	N	*Chair/Vice-Chairs of Planning Commission and HHCC meet to discuss ideas/approach *coordinate and prepare for joint study session(s) between Planning Commission and HHCC	* Chair/Vice-Chairs of Planning Commission and HHCC involvement to lead effort *staff - medium *consultant - possibly	When needed	Joint study sessions held to review housing related topics	1-year and ongoing