Affordable Housing Update and Policy Discussion

June 17, 2015



Workshop Purpose

- Share information on Results of City's Support of Affordable Housing
- Provide Program Updates
- Discuss policy questions
- Regional Initiatives, Adopt a resolution to endorse the "Community Plan to End Homelessness in SCC, 2015–2020"

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Current Housing Situation

- > 500+ BMR Homeownership units
- > 100+ units of affordable mobilehome ownership
- > 900+ income restricted rental units
- The most expensive housing markets are in Silicon Valley
- Average rent for a 2 bedroom now higher than \$2500 a month
- > 1% vacancy rate
- Waiting lists are years long
- > 17th most expensive housing market



Morgan Hill Today

- Increased resident and non residents contact City staff seeking housing
- Increased developer inquiries due to remaining funding
- Staff time and resources devoted to compliance monitoring of homeownership units
- Staff time and resources devoted to proactively protecting covenants



State Initiatives

- ▶ AB 1335 Atkins, permanent ongoing funding source dedicated to Affordable Housing
- AB 35 Chiu, increase the aggregate housing credit dollar allocated to low income housing
- AB 90 Atkins & Chau, Federal Housing Trust Fund
- AB 325 Woods, extension of BEGIN contract Downpayment Assistance



BMR and Senior Rehabilitation Program Housing Trust of Silicon Valley

\$300,000 March, 2015 to the HTSV

Mobilehome/Homeowner Grant Program (Senior or disabled homeowners)

- Presentations conducted at the Senior Center and two mobile home parks
- 42 intakes (40 Mobilehomes/2 Single family homes)
- 24 applications received
- 9 approved applications and pre-site inspections completed
- Repairs have ranged from roof repair/replacement, water damage, replacement of windows, front porch repair, and safety items (low flow high rise toilets, tub conversions, safety grips in showers).
- Homeowner Rehabilitation Program (BMR homeowners)
- Letter sent to all BMR homeowners
- 6 intakes
- 1 application received and in process
- Repair request: water damage, replacement of windows, termite damage, roof repair/replacement, exterior paint, fence repair.

<u>Future</u> Below Market Rate (BMR) Analysis, Options & Sustainability

- 500+ homes and growing (Keyser Marston)
- Calculate Cost of providing 8% On-site Affordable Units by Type
- Compare the Cost of providing On-Site Units to the In-Lieu Fee Schedule, \$150,000 per unit
- Evaluate Cost of Providing on-site units affordable at Above Moderate Income, 150% of AMI and 180% AMI "workforce housing"
- Evaluate economic challenges to BMR homeowners (HOA dues, maintenance costs) and BMR best practices
- Evaluate economics of shared appreciation to the economics of long term deed restrictions
- Current RDCS will create between 12-16 new BMR units annually with another 5-10 units paid out via fee. When SERAF is paid off in 5 years, the Housing Program will be entirely funded by in lieu fees and residual receipts loan payments.
- Do we switch RDCS to a more fee based program to generate additional revenues for sustainability of programs?
- Tracking of BMRs and strengthening internal systems to sustain changes in staffing and nonprofit contractors



EAH 3 site Family & TAY Project Update

- Building Permit Allocations: competed in RDCS, awarded all necessary building permit allocations for FY 2016-17 (Ciolino Site=8 allocations; E. Dunne =14 allocations & Monterey=19 allocations)
- Secured Sources of funding: MHSA, HOME and CDBG funding from Santa Clara County.
- On track for a competitive 9% application in March 2016 with an anticipated award in June 2016
- Start of construction September 2016
- Completed by October 2017
- HACSC RFP for Project based voucher, when available EAH will apply
- June 2015, EAH will submit project design, development agreement, environmental assessment and other applications to obtain formal project approvals
- Staff will amend the affordable housing loan agreement from \$3,622,000 to \$4,500,000
- Transfer of Parcel B Villa Ciollino from SCH, to the City to EAH



Establish Council's Priorities for the Next Housing Project

- Family, Youth, Veteran, Senior, Homeless, what is the special needs target population?
- Staff Recommendation is to develop a Family Project with Transitional Age Youth (TAY) units
 - 2015 City Council Priority "Supporting Youth"
 - greater services for Youth in South County
 - 800+ Homeless Foster Youth in SCC & 900+ Homeless Families in SCC
 - 80% of Foster Youth who experience homelessness have a mental disorder % 63% in the Justice System
- 2014 Senior Housing Unit Analysis determined that the City does not face an urgent deficit in Senior Housing, 690 Senior Restricted Units and counting (Lodge Phase II)
- The Lodge Phase I assisted 17 homeless VA Veterans, lessons learned, services have been strengthened and coordination has improved



Next developer selection, historical negotiated process or issue an RFP?

- Options: Explore Urban Housing Communities (UHC) Biseglia opportunity or release an RFP
- Staff Recommendation is to work with UHC to create a project that meets Council's priorities based on Community Needs as directed by Council
- Limited resources to work with more than 1 Developer at a time
- Some allocations have already been awarded to UHC through RDCS

Criteria for next developer selected:

- Previous experience working with regional partners
- Strong Development/onsite Property Management History and relationships w/service providers
- Lower Affordability levels of development
- Project site and security measures
- Leveraging and total cost of development
- Sustainability of Financing
- Likelihood of obtaining financing
- Negotiation of terms and repayment
- Ability to develop a project that meets Community Need as directed by Council
- Ability to coordinate and ensure appropriate level of services
- Willingness to apply for Housing Authority Section 8 Project Based Vouchers
- RDCS Evaluation Criteria
- Lot Layout and Housing Categories (Needs/Variation)
- Quality of Construction Standards
- Housing Element Goals

Regional Initiatives



- ▶ 2015 "Cost of Homelessness" in SCC, Nation's Most Comprehensive Report on Homelessness, largest most comprehensive cost study in the U.S.
- June 18, 2015 Homeless Census Results
- More than \$3 billion of County services were used by 104,206 homeless residents between 2007 and 2012. This equated to a cost averaging \$520 million per year.
- Destination Home: The Community Plan to End Homelessness in SCC, 2015–2020

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