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Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1918, Agenda Item #: 10.

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Posting Language

Approve a resolution adopting affordable housing goals based on council districts and 2016 Mobility Bond Corridors.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

April 13, 2017- Approve Ordinance No. 20170413-010 adopting the Austin Strategic Housing Plan (Blueprint) as an element of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

April 13, 2017- Approve Resolution No. 20170413-024 relating to procedures for implementing affordable housing goals in the Austin Strategic Housing Plan (Blueprint)

April 13, 2017- Approve Resolution No. 20170413-025 relating to procedures for implementing affordable housing goals in the Austin Strategic Housing Plan (Blueprint)

December 14, 2017-Authorize and execution of contract with Asakura Robinson Company, LLC to provide Strategic Housing Blueprint implementation services.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 2, 2019- Briefing to Zoning & Platting Commission on Blueprint Work Plan and Geographic Goals

April 4, 2019- Briefing to Joint Council Mobility and Housing & Planning Committee on Blueprint Work Plan and Geographic Goals

April 16, 2019- Briefing to Council Housing & Planning Council Committee on Blueprint Work Plan and Geographic Goals

April 23, 2019- Briefing to Planning Commission on Blueprint Work Plan and Geographic Goals

May 14, 2019-Approved by the Community Development Commission on a 8-1-1 vote, with Commissioner Otero off the dais and Commissioner Mejia abstaining from the vote. Recommendation Number 20190514-5A.

Additional Backup Information:

If approved, this resolution will set geographic affordable housing goals based on council districts and 2016 Mobility Bond Corridors. The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) brings forward this resolution in response to Resolution Nos. 20170413-024 and 20170413-025 stating "... the City Manager is directed to consider refining and developing the Housing Plan goals: 1) To prevent displacement in corridors, refine the geographic goals for non-market housing (including affordable housing, subsidized housing, and income restricted housing) related to corridors and centers and draw on data from The University of Texas Corridor Housing Preservation Tool to assess existing housing stock, preservation opportunities, and benefits to low-income individuals; and 2) Refine goals for council districts and/or master planned districts to propose incorporation of affordable housing and housing types not currently present in these areas and make recommendations for how the goals will be implemented, recognizing where affordable housing currently exists."

Resolution No. 20170413-025, states "The City Manager is directed to consider using the Corridor Housing Preservation Tool to help assess current conditions and set corridor-specific numeric goals for the creation and preservation of affordable housing for corridors throughout Austin, beginning with those corridors that will receive funding through the 2016 Mobility Bond."

The objective of the geographic goals is to guide policy and programs including both federal funding and local funding, which includes the 2018 Affordable Housing Bonds, and to help facilitate community partnerships to achieve a shared vision. That shared vision includes developing and maintaining household affordability throughout Austin as articulated in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. It also helps to implement the Strategic Direction 2023 Economic Opportunity and Affordability outcome by focusing economic opportunities and resources.

Phase I: Develop Blueprint Implementation Plan (January -November 2018)

Includes working with consultants, convening partners, and collaborators who have a role in implementing the Blueprint. Consultants utilized the University of Texas Corridor Housing Preservation Tool as specified in Resolution No. 20170413-024 and Resolution No. 20170413-025.

Phase II: Release of the Draft Blueprint Implementation Plan and Accept Public Comments (November - December 2018)

Includes synthesizing comments received and making modifications responsive to comments where possible.

Phase III: Revision of the Implementation Plan (January - February 2019)

Includes working with the Innovation Office to synthesize recommended actions and incorporating high impact recommendations from several recent reports on displacement, gentrification, institutional racism, fair housing and homelessness.

Phase IV: Provide Briefings and Adopt Blueprint Geographic Goals (March - June 2019)

Includes providing briefings on goals, receiving comments or board/commission recommendations. Presentation of goals to council to consider adopting goals that the City can both monitor and manage policies and programs.