

Harris County Housing Policy Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 10 am - 11:30 am

Harris County Community Services Department

Annex M, 8410 Lantern Point

Auditorium

The Harris County Housing Policy Committee *“is created to collectively to review research data on housing need and affordability in Harris County, study and advise on County housing policies, and recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable and work force housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value.”* (Housing Policy Committee Guidelines)

Agenda

- I. Call to Order— Daphne Lemelle, Chair
 - Roll Call of Committee Members—Anna Azevedo
 - Approval of December 18, 2019 meeting minutes
- II. Affordable Housing Study/Schedule Update--- Kyle Shelton
- III. Work Groups Chair, Co-Chair appointments
 - *Barriers to Affordable Housing & Incentives for Creation*
 - The Barriers to Affordable Housing and Incentives for Creation work group serves to identify and remove barriers that hinder the production and preservation of affordable housing within of Federal, State, and local laws, regulations and policy objectives. Incentives include the ability to build increased density, provide numerous transportation options, improve overall health, expand environmental quality, and promote economic development.
 - *Low Income Housing Tax Credit*
 - The Low Income Housing Tax Credit work group provides a platform for participants to study common technical and administrative issues occurring within the LIHTC program. The LIHTC work group will take into consideration input from the community, and recommend policy proposals and action items as agreed by members of the group.
 - *Retention of Homeownership & Stabilization of Affordability*

- The Retention of Homeownership and Stabilization of Affordability work group works collectively to propose policy that encourages the development and cultivation of reasonably-priced dynamic, economically sustainable, and desirable communities -- in addition to supporting innovative housing options that help maintain affordable housing in Harris County.

- *Planning/Design & Resilient Construction*
 - The Planning/Design and Resilient Construction work group works to encourage economic and community development and neighborhood preservation through the review, study, and consideration of planning, design and resilient construction issues relative to state and local laws. The group will review planning, design and resilient construction strategies and make necessary policy recommendations for consideration of adoption for County funded housing programs.

- *Legislative*
 - The Legislative work group works to research and analyze existing and forthcoming government regulations that directly influence housing, and issues that affect access to both affordable housing and homeownership. The group will work collectively to make policy platform recommendations on state and federal legislation that positively impacts homebuyers and economically underprivileged buyers and renters.

IV. Adjournment