

Mayor's Task Force on Housing

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: Wednesday April 3

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Mayor's Task Force on Housing Co-Chairs



- At our last meeting we received a briefing on the financial require as an overview of various City initiatives on zoning.
- We discussed the potential of engaging commercial developers in multi-residential projects and learned that some major retailers are looking at using former retail space for residential purposes in other municipalities.
- We also learned about Council's prioritization of housing affordability, specifically promotion of tiny homes and secondary suites. We will receive more information on these items from acting CAO Hurdle in late April.
- Task force members expressed interest in future briefings on the approval process (Planning).

Discussion

- We reviewed a work plan that outlined timelines for task force activities with a particular focus on scheduling multiple opportunities for public consultation.
- Stakeholder engagement will commence soon and task force members will continue to consolidate a list of stakeholders.

Next steps

1. Design and planning of public engagement activities
2. Begin stakeholder engagement
3. Continue to gather information on creative ideas for housing development in other jurisdictions