

11-17-2021 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #11: Staff Update on the Petition to Implement Strategies to Rapidly Promote Increased Production and Availability of Affordable and Missing Middle Housing

Council Question:

Could you please provide more detail on what would need to be deprioritized in order to expedite the proposed timeline? Would bringing in a consultant help?

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Could staff provide some examples of work that could be delayed if Council were to propose changes to the presented timeline for deliverables?

Staff Response:

Staff would need more information on which deliverable timeline would be moved, the extent it would be moved, and compare that information with our existing work plan to have a better sense of the work that would need to be delayed. Some of the projects we would need to consider delaying would be aspects of implementing the Manufactured Homes Strategy (and Draft Action Plan), creation of an Early Warning System and Preservation Loan Fund, continuing to explore methods for building out a program for providing loans rather than grants for supported projects, creating a sustainable model for the Emergency Housing Assistance Program, development at Bennett Road, and/or updating the business model for our Transitional Housing Program.

It's possible adding consultants would help expedite some of the deliverables that have not already been identified to use consultants. If Council would like to expedite some of the proposed timelines, staff would further analyze our ability to use consultants or additional Town staff and identify related funding needs.