



Agenda Item Summary

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Joint City/County Housing and Homeless Services Update

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Description:

Update on City/County housing priorities and initiatives.

Addressing Housing is a Top Priority in the City's Strategic Plan and Alachua County has prioritized addressing the Housing Gap as a Guiding Principle in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Strategic Guide. Both the City's Department of Housing & Community Development and Alachua County Community Support Services Department have pivotal roles in the community's effort to achieve its mandate in this area.

At the January 23, 2023, Joint Gainesville City Commission/ Alachua Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Commissions requested that staff of both the County and City provide a Housing Update at the next joint meeting.

Beginning on September 19, 2022, the staff from both the City of Gainesville Department of Housing & Community Development and Alachua County Support Services Department have met monthly to discuss strategies to collectively deal with the affordable housing issues that face our community. To date, the City/County Housing staff have met twelve times and have discussed a series of topics such as Affordable Housing Initiatives, Joint County and City Affordable Housing Advisory Committee collaboration, Local Housing Assistance Plans, and funding sources. The City and County Affordable Housing Advisory Committees held a joint meeting on August 16, 2023 at the County Administration Building to discuss current and future priorities.

The backup to this agenda item includes information about the following topics:

1. Funding source and support to administer the various housing programs by both the County's and City's Housing Departments.
2. Current affordable housing data.
3. City and County Housing Priorities and Strategies.

Recommended Action:

The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners review the information provided and ask questions or provide direction as needed.

Prior Board Motions:

The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners received an update at a previous joint meeting on April 17, 2023.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for these initiatives for the City has been allocated through various sources including Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, State Housing Initiatives Partnership, The America Rescue Plan Act, HOME ARP, and ConnectFree.

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Strategic Guide:

Housing, Environment

Background:

N/A