

## STAFF REPORT

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TO: City Council and City Manager

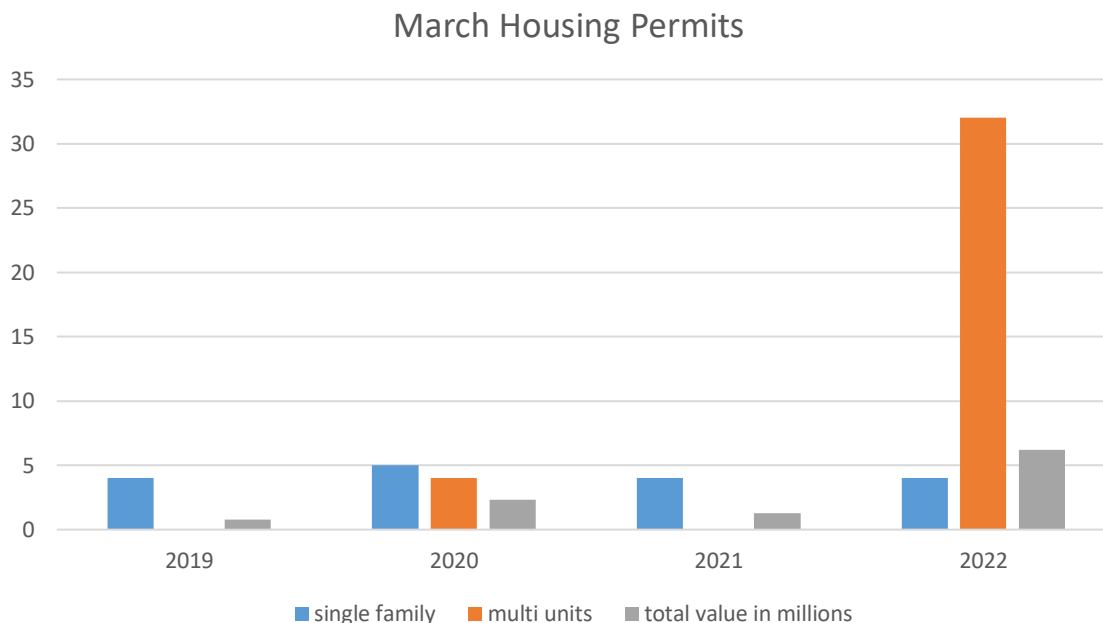
FROM: P&Z Department

RE: March Monthly report

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### Residential Construction update



### City sidewalk grant program

The 2020 sidewalk reimbursement grant was a learning experience to say the least. The rules can be revised for the 2021 grant to fit the best practice for providing equal treatment for the citizens in need of a solution to cover all or part of the cost to get the abutting sidewalk repaired or replaced.

The city administration department made a majority of the first contacts to notify the abutting property owner that there was a dangerous sidewalk reported in the area of their home.

The rumor the city had a grant program under way generated emails and phone calls around September last year. At that point grant requests were being received and new sidewalk sections were added to the total that had yet to be replaced in the usual manner by a contractor chosen by the city for compliance.

The bids provided by the private sector as part of the grant applications combined with set of rules didn't fit well with quantity of grant applications received and the value placed on work yet to be completed.

The additional notifications to inform the citizens about the combined project to be completed by a contractor approved by the city with a maximum value based on square footages and the amount expected to be covered by the grant worked well and was a fair solution.

The grant helped over 22 separate households for the 2021 project, all but three, were done by the city contract. The city did receive a few “thank you” messages for covering their sidewalk section and how the city contractor did a great job.

### **Code correction**



High windy days requires bracing framing in place while adding the next part of the puzzle.