



AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

RE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISCUSSION

PURPOSE

The Council has directed staff to open a dialogue with continued conversations on how to support affordable housing strategies. The Council is interested in discussing next steps with regards to researching a wholistic affordable housing approach to meet the community needs. Part of that direction was to invite experts in affordable housing to learn more about what might be an appropriate path forward for the Council and the community.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City has already taken steps toward goals in the comprehensive plan to address *‘prioritizing infill development over development at the edge of the city limits’* and to *“allow and encourage a diversity of housing types to fit the needs of the Fruita community and provide the diverse ‘funky’ character that is treasured by residents.”* These break down further in chapter 3 Land Use + Growth of Fruita in Motion to policies and actions that include addressing affordable housing.

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

We have invited the following speakers to assist the City with contemplating the variety of ways housing authorities’ function, project funding, and conclude with any questions we might have as a community. While the speakers are prepared to share information, they are also ready to have a free-flowing conversation Q&A with staff and City Council.

The City will host the following speakers:

Andrew Atchley – Department of Local Affairs – Housing Development Specialist
Oliva Cook – Department of Local Affairs – Housing Development Specialist
Scott Aker – Grand Junction Housing Authority – Chief Operating Officer
Jody Kole – Grand Junction Housing Authority – Chief Executive Officer