

Affordable Housing Update December 2021 - Collaboration

Group	Group Mission	Activity	Topics/Future Work	Housing Goal
Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition	The Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition is an association of individuals and organizations working together to provide housing opportunities for all in Orange County, NC. The mission is to foster collaboration among providers and advocates to support affordable housing development and preservation in Orange County.	Participate in monthly group meetings. Keep non-profit partners up to date on projects in Carrboro.	Advise Coalition of upcoming development projects and opportunities.	1.1 Increase number of homeownership units that are permanently affordable. 2.2 Increase the number of rental units that are permanently affordable.
Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition - Development Review Subcommittee	Engage group in review of Carrboro developments at the appropriate time.	Participate in monthly meetings.	Discuss development plans or opportunities in Carrboro as they arise. Focused on Pee Wee and the 1307 West Main concept plan over the summer and early fall. Will share the concept plan for Hogan Ridge in January 2022.	3.2 Improve opportunities for developers and potential partners to identify affordability in a project.
Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition - Manufactured Home Subcommittee	Develop resident engagement messaging and messaging delivery systems. Participate in developing a regional policy for manufactured home park preservation and relocation, if needed.	Carrboro staff meets monthly with the subcommittee.	Working on developing their role within the framework of a regional manufactured home policy. Exploring best methods and practices of resident engagement, especially in partnership with EmPOWERment. Staff continue to update the group on Pine Grove discussions and get their feedback on potential opportunities for the park.	1.1 Increase number of homeownership units that are permanently affordable in Carrboro. 1.3 Decrease barriers to homeownership retention, particularly among seniors. 3.6 Reduce utility costs

Orange County Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative	Reviews HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program applications that fund a wide range of activities including construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership, or to provide direct rental assistance to low-income people. Expanded mission in 2017 to increase collaboration and information sharing around affordable housing issues within the county.	Staff from Carrboro, Hillsborough, Chapel Hill, and Orange County meet monthly. Elected Officials (with staff) are now meeting monthly as well. The group decided to postpone recommending HOME-ARP funding allocations until the next funding cycle (FY23).	HOME applications for funding are due February 25th. The Collaborative has provided input on the draft regional manufactured home strategy and will review those edits at their meeting in February. Work on an approach to a Countywide housing plan.	Addresses all goals: 1. Affordable homeownership 2. Affordable Rentals 3. Overarching priorities, such as land use planning, identified funding sources, developer incentives, housing strategies, and acquisition of land.
Orange County Home Preservation Coalition	The Orange County Home Preservation Coalition is a county-wide network of organizations in Orange County, NC working together to improve accessibility and affordability of home repairs and preservation projects to Orange County Residents.	Participate in monthly meetings with local home repair organizations, representatives from the TJCOG, Orange County Department on Aging, and jurisdictional funding partners.	Stay abreast of Carrboro homes that are in the process of being repaired or assessed for repairs and weatherization. Work on streamlining available funds and funding criteria to help meet the need in manufactured home parks. OCHPC is discussing "complex cases" homes that have unique circumstances or require more work than the Coalition can provide and addressing the backlog of cases, exacerbated by the pandemic.	1.1 Increase number of homeownership units that are permanently affordable in Carrboro. 1.3 Decrease barriers to homeownership retention, particularly among seniors. 3.6 Reduce utility costs
Triangle J Council of Governments	TJCOG is a key player in regional efforts that span cross-jurisdictional boundaries, including transportation planning, development and land-use coordination, water resources and infrastructure, sustainability, and regional economic development strategies.	Housing Practitioners Group met last in the spring of 2020. Meetings have been postponed so that staff can address pandemic response efforts.	Staff is part of their effort to create a regional housing strategy. Exploring the use of an online tool to track regional affordable housing inventory. This group has not reconvened.	1.1 Increase number of homeownership units that are permanently affordable. 2.2 Increase the number of rental units that are permanently affordable.

Carrboro Affordable Housing Advisory Commission	The AHAC is tasked with furthering the Town of Carrboro's housing mission, which is to provide opportunities for safe, decent and affordable housing for all residents no matter their age, ability or income level.	Monthly meetings.	Gave feedback on multiple iterations of the draft Comprehensive Plan document for Affordable Housing. Made funding recommendations for the AHSRF to the Town Council in October 2021. No applications received in January. Reviewed the draft plans of a regional strategy for manufactured home park preservation and Town-owned Land this fall. Provided comments on two development concept plans. Working on a tenant advocacy program and town-owned land strategy. Completing racial equity training.	3.4 Ensure implementation of the Affordable Housing Strategy.
Orange County Master Aging Plan Housing Workgroup	The Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition is an association of individuals and organizations working together to provide housing opportunities for all in Orange County, NC. The mission is to foster collaboration among providers and advocates to support affordable housing development and preservation in Orange County.	Participate in quarterly meetings.	Update the 2017-2022 Master Aging Plan (Year 4 Implementation Plan). Planning for the 2022-2027 Master Aging Plan will get underway in February. The Housing Workgroup will consider senior housing through the lens of racial equity, the focus of the new 5-year plan. Engagement in affordable housing projects that could benefit seniors. Town staff continued engagement with Carolina Spring.	1.3 Decrease barriers to first-time homeownership and to homeownership retention, particularly among seniors.
Northside Neighborhood Initiative	Engage group in review of Carrboro developments at the appropriate time.	Participate in regular meetings. Staff and the Town Manager participated in the neighborhood walk on November 18th.	Advocate for affordable housing in the Northside and Lloyd-Broad communities. Continue support of Pee Wee Homes to build 3 units on town-owned land on Hill St.	1.3 Decrease barriers to first-time homeownership and to homeownership retention, particularly among seniors.

Long Term Recovery Group	The Long-Term Recovery Group was established to inform and shape decisions about recovery by bringing together stakeholders of diverse backgrounds and expertise. The Long-Term Recovery Group is made up of smaller working groups, called Recovery Support Functions.	Project Management Team meets weekly. Provide input for affordable housing considerations and solutions during the long-term pandemic recovery process. Presented Long-Term Recovery Plan to Council on May 4th for review and comment. Response letter to elected official expected in October, slated for discussion at the Assembly of Governments meeting in January.	Staff participate in Recovery Support Functions related to Housing and Human Services to examine current initiatives and possible programmatic gaps. It is intended that the document be endorsed after the AOG meeting and that it be used as one of the guiding documents for ARPA planning.	Draft Plan addresses Carrboro's established housing goals.
Partnership to End Homeless - Leadership	The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) is a coalition of service providers, local governments, and community members who work together to coordinate funding and bring best practices to the work of ending homelessness in Orange County. The Leadership Team is the governing body of the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness and as such makes policy to prevent and end homelessness in Orange County.	Leadership Team meets monthly.	Carrboro Housing and Community Services Director was appointed to the Leadership Team. Updated gaps analysis has been completed and will be presented to the AHAC and Town Council.	The Comprehensive plan process is examining how issues of homelessness fit in with established goals & strategies and recommend changes based on assessment.
Partnership to End Homeless - Project Review	To review, score and make recommendations for ESG funding applications and review grantee progress toward goals.	Meets as needed.	Meetings will resume in January 2022. Will reviewed performance standards and performance data for ESG and CoC funded programs.	Same as above.

Big, Bold Ideas Committee on Affordable Housing	Create a plan to provide 1,500 new units of affordable housing by 2026.	Led by the Chamber of Commerce, Carrboro staff, along with representatives from the other Orange County Jurisdictions, the University, developers (non and for profit), and others; have been meeting regularly to collaborate and provide input on regional affordable housing goals.	The committee developed a series of Affordable Housing Recommendations. Now they are seeking additional feedback on these recommendations, creating a communications plan, and finalizing the report. A select group of participants, including Town staff, will be meeting in the coming months to create an implementation plan.	There are many overlapping goals. 1.1 Increase number of homeownership units. 2.1 Increase the number of rental units. 3.3.B Develop a dedicated funding source; explore a public private fund.
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