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Housing Task Force Holds Open House

(Edmonds - WA) Housing needs and affordability—and what the City can do about it—will be the focus of an open house May 21, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, in the Brackett Room, Edmonds City Hall 3rd floor, 121 5th Ave. N. A presentation will begin at 6:30.

The event is part of a public process for developing a strategy to increase the supply of affordable housing for a range of incomes and to meet diverse housing needs.

“Given the cost of housing,” said Shane Hope, Development Services Director and the City’s lead on housing issues, “this is a very timely event. Our mayor and city council are all very supportive of finding ways to meet the needs and they welcome community involvement.”

Before and after the 6:30 pm presentation, city staff will be available for questions and conversation. Large display boards and handouts will be on view throughout the evening to show ideas being considered.

The Housing Strategy Task Force, appointed by Mayor Dave Earling last August, is sponsoring the open house for the City and will be considering the results. By June, the Task Force expects to make a recommendation for a housing strategy.

The draft strategy will get more public review and be considered by the Planning Board and the City Council over the summer. Ultimately, the City Council will decide on any actions to adopt or implement the strategy.

For information about the Task Force or the City’s work to develop a housing strategy, see: www.edmondshousingstrategy.org.

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