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CITIZEN GROUP TO ADVISE CITY DEPARTMENT ON HOUSING STRATEGY

(Edmonds - WA) A small citizen group has been asked to advise the Edmonds Development Services Department on issues and process for re-working the draft housing strategy. The group had an introductory meeting on November 8. The next meeting date is being scheduled now, but will likely be November 15 or 29 at 6:30 pm in the Brackett Room of Edmonds City Hall. It will be open to the public.

“I’ve asked a few community residents with different perspectives to provide me advice for developing the next draft housing strategy,” said Shane Hope, the City’s Development Services Director. “This not a formal appointed group but they are solid local residents and can be a great source of ideas and also a sounding board moving forward. Of course, we want lots of other public input too.”

She noted that more types of community meetings and events will follow. “We care about all neighborhoods and want to find places not only in the Bowl but elsewhere to have public meetings. Ideas are welcome. “

Actual milestones and schedules for the City’s re-draft work are still being planned. More Information, including the advisory group’s next meeting date, will be posted on the City’s housing website: https://www.edmondshousingstrategy.org/.

The website also has a new section for questions and answers. City staff plan to update this section as frequently as possible.

Members named to the department’s advisory group all live in town and have each been local residents from 4-60 years.

They are: Treg Camper, Alicia Crank, Lindsey Crawford, Brian Goodnight, Pat McDevitt, Dave Teitzel, Bob Throdsen, Rob Van Tassel, and Diana White. Of the members, Dave Teitzel also serves on the City Council. Rob Van Tassel is the only member who previously was on the Housing Strategy Task Force that made recommendations for the first draft housing strategy.

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