

Housing Development Listening Session

Tuesday, April 21, 2022 @ 5:30 pm, Holiday Inn Express, 204 W. Marine Dr.

Public Remarks

- Bypass
- Public Transport
- Railroad
- Astoria not exempt from State mandates
- We need housing
- Astoria for Astorians
- More housing types
- Opportunity to Vote
- Diversity as a strength
- What is preventing development?
- Housing Downtown
- Fear of homeless
- City regulatory barriers
- Expand buildable land inventory?
- Owner occupied v. Vacation rentals – no restrictions
- Tenants are increasing unemployed
- Workforce v. Affordable housing
- Cooperation between City & County
- Transfer of development rights
- Keeping residential neighborhoods

TOP PRIORITIES

- Re-start Heritage Square project for housing
- Prioritize high density housing near transportation corridors
- Vacant & derelict homes
- Dog Park: amenities supporting housing
- Streamline permit process
- Reduce cost on development process
- Short-term rentals
- State mandated rules: penalty?
- Parking/Traffic
- Housing #1 issue in elections
- Employee housing: recruitment
- Humanitarian crisis: lack of all types of housing

CONCERNS

- Cost of development
- Preserve Astoria's character
- Building working relationships
- Contractor hurdles
- Who will build?
- Have a vision