

Housing Development Listening Session

Tuesday, May 4, 2022 @ 5:30pm, Astoria Middle School

Public Remarks

- Proactive City staff with determining re-development potential of vacant lots in residential areas, are they all in landslides or can something be done
- Support cottage cluster in residential areas
- Align building codes with development code, modify building code to allow for more cost effective renovation of old buildings
- The sewer and water line expense for infill (development within existing neighborhoods) is too high, is there a way city could incentivize
- Support all middle housing types, even if we need to make lots bigger
- Unimproved right-of-way (land), adjacent to residential, existing homes, sell to adjacent property owner so they can expand
- City needs a strategic approach to administration of city, and identify where public buy-in exists
- Incentivize redevelopment
- Need state and/or federal support to address true housing issues
- Long term residents should have different rules, that make process easier
- Incentivize owners to do ADU's
- Full time homeowners should be able to do short term rentals with a streamlined process

CONCERNS

- Cost of development for homeowners
- Preserve Astoria's character
- Building Code conflicts with renovation of old buildings
- Vacant lots in residential areas