

Housing Development Listening Session

Tuesday, May 4, 2022 @ 12:00pm, Barbey Center

Public Remarks

- Allow Cottage Clusters in residential areas
- We have no room to grow with river, hills surrounding city
- Potential expansion areas will not have all the services
- Consider developing higher
- Enforce short term rentals
- Blue Ridge area should be developed with residential, can the city play a role it this
- Expand ownership options, instead of focusing on rentals
- All townhomes, bungalow, cottage cluster in residential areas
- Address parking now
- Support higher densities
- In reality, people in Astoria are currently occupying spaces that would be considered “higher density” so officially increasing it in the Development Code will not impact people’s lives that dramatically
- If a historic building is too expensive to renovate then teardown
- Consider Fair Housing laws – AFFH
- Downtown buildings with available 2nd floor space should be able to do residential
- Modify building codes to allow conversion of old buildings into residential
- Incentives (make more financially viable) the renovation of existing buildings into residential
- If we do not have the ability to adjust housing and parking at the same time and we can only address one then we should choose housing

CONCERNS

- Cost of development for homeowners
- Preserve Astoria’s character
- Building Code conflicts with renovation of old buildings
- Underserved will be pushed out even further from essential services
- We have nowhere to grow as a city
- Parking in residential areas