Affordable Housing Advisory Council
Work Plan FY22

November 5, 2021 Update
Recognizing that housing is foundational for all, the purpose of the Council is to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, consistent with the One Fairfax initiative, regarding the implementation and achievement of the:

Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan,

County resource requirements identified in the annual Budget Guidance,

Other affordable housing development or affordable housing preservation guidance,

As well as on overarching policies and programs that synthesize County efforts related to both housing affordability and homelessness.
Charting Our Course: Affordable Housing Strategies

Affordable Housing Resources Panel
Recommendations to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
March 12, 2019

Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force
Recommendations to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
April 6, 2021
Fairfax County Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan (2018)
Purpose was to develop a plan to help address the community’s growing housing needs.

Key recommendation:
• The need for an additional 5,000 net new housing units to be built between 2019 and 2034 that are affordable to households at 60% AMI and below. This goal, known as the “5k by 15”, was adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Board also adopted the principal of no net loss of the county’s existing stock of affordable housing.

• Key Strategies:
  • Investment of Public Land
  • Incentivize Affordable Housing through Development Policy
  • Investing Local, State and Federal Resources
  • Housing for Vulnerable Populations (particularly individuals with disabilities, individuals experiencing homelessness, and older adults)
  • Investment in Supportive Infrastructure to Create Communities of Opportunity (at all levels)
  • Use Moving to Work Authority to Maximize Impact
  • Preservation of Affordable Housing
  • Zoning and Land Use Policies
  • One Fairfax and Fair Housing
Near-Term Strategies to Address Housing Challenges

**Funding and Infrastructure**
Recommendations (annually) local, state and federal resources to advance housing strategy and related infrastructure and services. Engage the business and regional commissions in development and investment opportunities to meet Fairfax County (and regional) housing needs.

**Pandemic Response and Recovery (2020-22+)**
Analysis and impact of the Pandemic economy as it impacts housing strategy with recommendations for near-term priorities and investments.

**Preventing and Ending Homelessness (2021+)**
Every person who is homeless or at risk of being homeless will be able to access appropriate housing and the services needed to keep them in their homes (functional zero).

**Key strategy considerations:**
- AHAC-CoC scope brings opportunities, as does the merger of OPEH into HCD
- Building on successful strategies
- Aligning approaches and resources
- Understanding the impact of the Pandemic, the integral need for Supportive Services/Rental Assistance
Executive Committee develop Agenda for Council Meetings to advance recommendations and strategy

Use of Subcommittees that meet between Meetings to advance strategy and action on Near-Term Priorities and longer-term strategy

Council will utilize Regular (Dashboard/Consent Agenda) and Special Reports to execute on its charge

AHAC will utilize its charge as a BAC for BOS and stakeholder education and engagement
Work Plan Next Steps

• Determine Council interest/expertise

• Convene and charge Ad Hoc or Special Committees

• Schedule Meetings
  • One Fairfax/Equitable Strategies in Housing Opportunity (December 10)
  • Funding Strategy: County / State Opportunities (December 10)