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City Moves Forward with Planning for 587 New Housing Units

On May 3, 2021, the City Council approved a proposal from Lisa Wise Consulting (LWC) to prepare updates to the Housing Element of the Piedmont General Plan. State requirements have challenged City officials to find sites and policies to promote the construction of 587 new houses and apartments by 2031. The cost of the next Housing Element policy document and associated General Plan amendments is estimated at \$691,000, with \$172,000 earmarked for public engagement and outreach.

Planning and Building Director Kevin Jackson stated, “With approval of LWC as the lead housing consultant, the City moves forward with planning to meet the mandates set by the State of California, starting with meetings of the new Piedmont Housing Advisory Committee on May 19 and June 15, 2021. We are confident that the Piedmont community will come together to share ideas and expertise to solve the region’s housing crisis.”

The May and June Housing Advisory Committee meetings will feature results of the citywide fair housing survey and pinnable map tools, which closed for public comment mid-April. The citywide fair housing survey and pinnable map were funded through a \$160,000 grant awarded to Piedmont by the State of California SB2 planning grant program. LWC is expected to present their analysis of Piedmonters’ ideas, design preferences, and understanding of new housing laws, as well as LWC’s recommendations for guiding principles for new tools to accelerate affordable housing production. The Piedmont community is invited to attend. The agendas and instructions for participating in the meetings, which start at 5 pm, will be posted at https://piedmont.ca.gov/government/commissions__committees/housing_advisory_committee

The May and June Housing Advisory Committee meetings will be televised live on KCOM-TV, the City’s government TV station and will be available through streaming video on the City’s web site https://piedmont.ca.gov/services__departments/kcom-tv/live_content_and_video_archive

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