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Memorandum

To: Chair Spivey and Planning Commission
Through: Amy Ainslie, Director, Planning and Community Development
From: Scott Brylinsky, Planning Department Consultant
Subject: Discussion/Direction on Tiny Homes, Small Dwellings, and Affordable Housing
Date: November 14, 2019

Background

The Assembly's strategy for economic development includes a component to pursue options regarding tiny homes and/or small dwellings. That action plan¹ identifies the Planning Commission as the steering body for this effort.

One component of the plan, to reduce the minimum size of residential lots, was accomplished earlier this year. The ultimate result of continued effort on this topic is to propose code changes intended to promote availability of additional affordable housing stock in Sitka.

Discussion

Tiny homes / smaller dwellings have generated interest and discussion not just in Sitka but in most housing markets. However, for a variety of reasons they have not seen broad use locally.

Tonight's discussion is primarily to let the Planning Commission know that the Planning and Community Development Department is now actively working on possible code changes related to tiny homes, small dwellings, and affordable housing. We are interested in input from the Planning Commission on any topic areas, or ideas, they would suggest staff study.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Action Plan

Recommended Motions:

None.

¹ Plan was developed, but not formally adopted, by the Assembly.