



Fairview Community Council

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Urban Housing Workshop

Affordable housing is of increasing concern. As Anchorage continues to grow, in size and density, new approaches are needed to ensure entry-level and part-time workers, college students and seniors have convenient access to affordable shelter.

The Fairview Community Council recognizes the important role traditionally played by the East Downtown area in providing workforce housing. The Council is also very aware that a strong and vital neighborhood requires a balanced approach between workforce housing, affordable shelter, housing for knowledge workers and other market rate housing options.

As part of the on-going activities associated with development of the Fairview Community Plan and the Fairview Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA), the Council is seeking public input on what that balance should be in the East Downtown area.

Please join us on Saturday April 18th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Fairview Community Recreation Center for a hands-on workshop.

Do you care about the present and/or future quality of life in Fairview? Are you concerned about protecting your equity investment in your home or rental property?

If yes, then you should care about this issue and participate. Help decide Fairview's future mix of urban housing.

Some Ideas

- Mixed use developments combining housing with an affordable component with retail, office or institutional uses along Gambell Street and 6th Avenue could be encouraged. The housing in these developments could range from single family attached units, condos, cluster housing to traditional multifamily units. Buildings themselves do not need to be mixed, but rather the whole parcel could be a mixed development
- The development of accessory units such as "mother-in-law" apartments or "granny flats" could be encouraged.
- Apartments over ground floor retail/office space in the Community Mixed Corridor could be encouraged.
- Density bonuses could be provided in the north Fairview area to encourage affordable housing development.
- Adoption of a HUD approved NRSA would provide access to new financial options while allowing for a balanced integration of market-rate housing.
- The development of co-housing and other innovative housing options could be encouraged.