



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – November 17, 2021 Agenda Item 11

Presentation

Housing and Community Development Director Update (including Annual Reports from the Takoma/Langley CDA and the Old Takoma Business Association)

Recommended Council Action

None

Context with Key Issues

The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department's mission is to support the Council's desire to expand local economic development programming, provide diverse affordable housing opportunities, and improve the quality of life of residents throughout the Takoma Park community. HCD's guiding document is the Takoma Park Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan, passed by the Council in 2019. The HCD Director update will provide Council with current initiatives that support the Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan.

HCD has been tasked with disbursing emergency rental assistance funds made available to the City through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This presentation will provide an overview of the current data on ARPA emergency rental assistance.

The Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) and Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority (CDA) are the two business associations that serve local businesses in Takoma Park. The City of Takoma Park provides funding to both OTBA and CDA, \$47,050 each in Fiscal Year 2022. Both organizations will be presenting their annual reports to the Takoma Park City Council.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All, Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life

Racial Equity Considerations

The majority of Takoma Park renters are of racial or ethnic minorities, and ARPA emergency rental assistance has been disbursed to renters who require assistance throughout the City.

Environmental Considerations

None

Fiscal Considerations

None

Attachments and Links

[Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan](#)