

To: **Planning Commission**
From: **Ben Boike, Assistant Comm. Dev. Dir.**
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Housing Plan Review

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In a continuing effort to assess and improve the status and condition of the West St. Paul housing stock, staff began writing the housing action plan in late 2016. This process was prompted by the completion of a general housing condition survey done in 2015, where an intern performed window surveys of residential properties and ranked each structure on a scale of one to five (one being in excellent condition and five in deteriorated condition). The plan was intentionally delayed due to the Comprehensive Plan update, which includes a chapter on housing. Staff wanted to make sure that the Housing Plan did not conflict with the goals outlined in the Comp Plan. Now that the Comp Plan draft has been completed, Staff felt it was time to proceed with formal review of the document.

The Housing Plan is intended to highlight how housing can play an important role in shaping a community. Throughout the plan there are detailed items such as history, goals, and community character, how the housing inventory and its supporting population is expected to change, what the city is doing to maintain its current housing stock, current and future development trends, and funding programs and opportunities available to both the city and its residents.

The City Council recently reviewed the draft plan at an open council work session. Council directed Staff to proceed with formal adoption, including review by the Planning Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Housing Action Plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review the attached draft plan and provide recommendation to Council.