

Overview

The principal role of the Housing Research Advisory Committee is to present research findings to the City Council for further study or action. No final decision-making authority rests with the committee. The term of the committee is one year which may be renewed by council as needed.

The roles and responsibilities of this committee include:

1. Inventory existing housing stock in Chelsea. Include size, type, and value.
2. Identify housing needed to achieve balanced growth in the City's demographics. Housing for Chelsea's work force, young families and young adults are some of the housing needs that our community has communicated are in short supply. What other populations that lack quality housing options? What size and price point of housing might be needed to improve the range of housing options available?
3. Research, review, and summarize for City Council activities and case histories of Chelsea affordable housing development and other housing projects. Who administered the project, how was the City of Chelsea involved, and what, if any, is/was the cost to City of Chelsea? Research innovative and successful affordable housing strategies that include but are not limited to the following:
 - A. Land use tools such as zoning ordinances, development agreements and density bonus
 - B. Financing tools and incentives such as fee waivers, PILOT programs, tax credits and abatements, bonds, and state and federal funding.
4. Identify opportunities for cooperation with other City and County departments; local employers; and non-profits to provide affordable housing, and housing supportive services, when appropriate, to Chelsea residents.
5. Identify ways the City can partner with local townships to address affordable housing in the region.
6. Other items as requested by City Council.

The Seven (7) Member Committee to be comprised of the following:

Two (2) City Council Members

One (1) Planning Commissioners

One (1) Real Estate Professional

Three (3) At-large Members