



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

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**Status:** Agenda Ready

**To:** City Commission

**Agenda #:** 3a.

**From:** Community Development Director Laura Terway

**File Type:** Appointment

### **SUBJECT:**

Appointment of Project Advisory Team Members for the Equitable Housing Project

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

Staff recommends that the Mayor appoint the Project Advisory Team for the Equitable Housing project.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City wishes to promote more equitable housing options, and, in January 2016, the City Commission identified equitable housing as a priority to be addressed. Based on this direction, the City of Oregon City applied for, and was awarded a grant by Metro to review barriers and incentives to facilitating diverse, physically accessible, affordable housing choices within the city with access to opportunities, services and amenities. The desired outcome of the project is to make equitable housing more accessible by providing greater flexibility in zoning and building policies, a series of maps and background information, and guidance to direct construction of housing units in the best locations throughout the city. Transparency of the review process will be provided with guides for development to remove the uncertainty about the review processes, and amendments to development standards and processes will result in clear paths toward additional housing units within Oregon City.

The project will be guided by a broad representation of stakeholders to form the project advisory team. Particular emphasis will be placed on engaging communities of color and low-income populations and positively impacting housing choice and availability for those groups. The purposes of the Equitable Housing Project Advisory Team (PAT) are as follows:

- Engage Oregon City residents who are most affected by high housing costs
- Ensure that development code and policies do not represent a barrier to equitable housing
- Provide broad perspectives to ensure that equitable housing codes and policies meet our City's needs
- Advise on and helping implement public involvement strategies
- Inform and engage constituencies, communities and civic organizations

The PAT consists of 16 people who will provide a balanced commitment to the adopted scope of work and provide a broad perspective to guide the project. The PAT positions are list below. Members may serve in overlapping capacities.

- City Commission (1),

- Planning Commission (1),
- Citizen Involvement Committee (2),
- Oregon City Resident (2),
- Single-Family Developer Interest (1),
- Multi-Family/Mixed Use Developer Interest (1)
- Business Community (OC Chamber, Main Street or OC Business Alliance) (1)
- At large (Youth, Elderly, Working Family) (3)
- Technical Advisory Team member (1)
- Developer of regulated affordable housing (1) and,
- An organization representing low income families and/or communities of color (1), and
- Additional at-large position to be filled if needed based on any additional needs (1)

**BUDGET IMPACT:** N/A

Amount: \$89,000 (Total Grant Amount)

FY(s): 2017-2018

Funding Source: Metro Planning Grant