Long Term Rental Housing Research
City of Spokane
Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement
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Subject

The Community Assembly is interested in exploring the issues and resources related to rental units in Spokane. The Community Assembly has voted to direct the Public Safety Committee, a subgroup of the Community Assembly, to work on identifying potential problems and solutions associated with rental of units in Spokane (30 days or more i.e. monthly rental or lease).

The Community Assembly is a coalition of independent neighborhoods. The role of the Community Assembly is to serve as a forum for discussion of broad items of interest. The Community Assembly has established subcommittees that take direction from the Community Assembly to investigate issues in the neighborhood process and make recommendations to the Community Assembly and the City. Based on the priorities of the Community Assembly the subcommittees develop a work plan and objectives to research issues.

The Public Safety Committee has formed a stakeholder group for the research project. It consists of 15 members representing three community interest areas through the voices of 5 different neighborhood residents, 5 different types of tenants/advocates, and 5 different landlords/industry groups.

Background

The Public Safety Committee has identified rental housing issues as a goal for the committee during the 2015 year. The Public Safety Committee has developed a stakeholder group with representation from landlords, tenants, non-profits, neighborhoods, real-estate, and other interested parties. The stakeholder group will work through the issues below:

1. Research and study the issues
2. Identify the programs, policies, ordinances that may solve the identified issues
3. Explore gaps between issues and existing solutions
    a. Structural
    b. Functional
    c. Resource
    d. Funding

Impact

The rental housing stakeholder group will likely produce recommendations to the Community Assembly. The recommendations could include a broad range of solutions.

For further information contact:

Action

The rental housing stakeholder process is anticipated to be a 9 to 12 month process to develop a report for the Community Assembly.

Additional information can be found at:

https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/community-assembly/subcommittees/

Public Safety Committee