

# **Mayor's Housing Quality Task Force**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – All Convene

- Complete overview of six housing areas
  - Final presentations
  - Chronic Nuisance Properties,
  - Housing Affordability, &
  - Vacant Residential Lots.
- Identifying issues
- Homework
  - Worksheet: Compile list of programs/policies to improving housing.

## Meeting Objectives

- Spokane's housing is predominately single-family (68%)
- 33% of housing is two units or greater
- County Assessor - Exterior Conditions
  - 10% of housing is below average
- Year Structure Built
  - 69% of housing in Spokane is more than 69 years of age, built prior to 1960.

## Meeting Recap – Spokane Housing

- **Substandard** (SMC 17f.070.400)
  - Twelve (12) factors based on extent and number that are unsafe.
  - Predominately vacant residences reported
  - Based on the code, eligible cases include unsafe buildings, but not buildings with general deficiencies
  - Number of cases increase as well as complexity, time to resolution and costs
- **Abandoned** (SMC 17f.070.030)
  - Buildings fall under the substandard building process
  - Giving indications that no one is currently in possession.
    - Disconnection of utilities, accumulation of debris, uncleanliness, disrepair, & other circumstances
  - Predominately vacant residences (except unauthorized entry)
  - Number of cases increasing (2016 - 75% of B/O cases)

## **Meeting Recap – Substandard, Abandoned, & Foreclosure Properties**

- Foreclosures

- Foreclosure Property Registry (SMC 17F.070.520)

- New ordinance to potentially prevent residences from becoming substandard buildings or abandoned houses
    - 2015 - 266 Registered
    - 2016- 1,374 Active Foreclosures \*Community Champions
    - Registry has been in effect for one year on a voluntary basis
      - effective to help find responsible parties

**Meeting Recap – Substandard,  
Abandoned, & Foreclosure Properties**

# Discussion

## Identifying Issues

From your agencies perspective what issues have you identified from the information at the last meeting?

# **Presentations**

Chronic Nuisance Properties

Housing Affordability

Vacant Residential Lots

# Discussion

Identifying Issues

Community Participation



- **Policies & Program Worksheet**
  - *Compile list of programs/policies that address the area(s) of housing.*
  - Worksheet is on the HQT web page.
- Email Alicia Ayars the worksheet by **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - Come prepared to discuss at the next meeting.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**Assignments for next meeting**