

# Community Feedback from Housing Tools and Strategies Working Group Meeting 1 – September 12, 2018

## What Stood Out

- Heartening process.
- Hopeful that the group can agree on outcomes and why those outcomes matter.
- The concept of "Wicked Problems".
- The comprehensive list of values and priorities that emerged.
- First meeting had limited attention to builders/creators of housing.
- High degree of attention on/control by the moderator.
- Meeting seemed like an ice-breaker in a group that already knows one another.

## Kudos

- Range of voices included.
- Facilitation tone, emphasis on framing things in a positive framework and lifting up competing positive values, desire to steer away from blame/judgment without discounting reality.
- Glad this is happening

## Questions, Concerns and Suggestions

### Process Focused

- Need clarification on the purpose and desired outcomes.
- Need to move on to specific options that will make a difference.
- Worried about the voices who are missing. Bottom 10% is not in the room.
- How will the group engage detractors? Worry (based on past experience) that all this work will not make a difference, recommendations will be undermined after the fact.
- How will specific decisions be evaluated? What's the role of data and analysis in making those decisions. What criteria will be applied to decide?

### Content Focused

- Property rights are inherently zero-sum and adversarial.
- The City may be reinforcing or creating barriers to housing affordability and diversity via the Clear & Objective Housing Standards project's process.
- Include more conversation about how different kinds of homebuilders and remodelers are affected by these challenges.
- It seems more expensive to remodel or retrofit existing structures. For both new development/building and remodeling, we need a variety of options.

## Suggestions on Logistics

- It would be good to know how people learned about this Working Group.
- Larger tables (6 people each) might help avoid obstructed views.

**Next meeting: Oct. 4, 5:30 PM at the Baker Center- 975 High St, Eugene, OR 97401**

*Comments summarized by neutral facilitator on 9/26/18.*

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