Lawrence Board of REALTORS®

Governmental Affairs Committee
City Commission Candidate Interviews
Tuesday, October 25, 2022



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- 2. GAD Update Danielle Davey
- 3. Report from Thomas Howe Affordable Housing Advisory Board
- 4. Unfinished Business
- New Business
 - Chairperson for 2023?
 - Vice-Chairperson for 2023?
- 8. Adjourn



Rising Together – Housing Report

Land Development Code Update

- Working with Clarion Associates
- Started in June supposed to be about a 2-year project
- Some discussion at first meeting at speeding up the process because of Panasonic but contractor didn't think there was any way to move faster
- Public input in August-September; pretty poorly attended
- Currently in the code assessment process by Clarion

Lot Inventory

- The 2021 residential lot inventory was released in September
- Dropped available lot supply from 5.8 years to 3.2 years
- Previous analysis of the lot inventory found that 1/3 of identified lots are not developable for a number of reasons
 - o Institutional ownership (i.e., LMH, KU)
 - o Encroachments from neighboring properties
- Per the planning office, process of annexation, platting, etc. takes approx. 2 years
- So, we're realistically at a point where we could easily run out of developable lots before we can get more ready

Annexations

- Did see first annexation in several years earlier this year
 - o 61 acres northwest side of town
 - o Approx. 200 lots
- Another one currently pending
 - 5.5 acres east side of town for high density affordable housing

Plan 2040 Community Benefit Requirement

- For those who don't know: to access city services, have to annex; to annex have to meet all requirements PLUS provide a satisfactory community benefit
- There was a lot of discussion when Plan 2040 passed about what constituted a community benefit
- Recently, the City took the position that housing is, in and of itself, a community benefit because
 of the lack of inventory
- But a 100-acre annexation request failed at the planning commission last winter because of a lack of community benefit