

Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee Community Forum on Housing Diversity Goals and Target Populations– December 5, 2022

1. Rate of the session.

The average score given was 4.25 out of 5 points, or described the session as “good.”

2. What did you like most about this session?

- Good summary of content and concerns.
- Open and friendly session.
- Honest search for solutions.
- The opportunity to hear what the committee has learned and educate myself about the topic.
- The break out group.
- The small break out groups.

3. What did you like least about this session?

- I am frustrated with the desire to know what Cape Elizabeth wants. Respectfully, who cares, if some people want to preserve exclusivity?
- Coming face to face with community members who have very different beliefs without the opportunity to have important conversations and get at the core of their opinions.

4. What do you think about the housing diversity goals presented?

- All for it
- They don't seem to be actual goals as much as possibilities.
- If there is way forward I am in favor of the stretch (or higher) goals. We need diversity in our town and the key way to do that is through housing.
- They (the goals) are needed.
- Goals did not seem define yet

5. What do you suggest is done differently in the future to make these sessions more useful or enjoyable?

- Continue to encourage small group break outs as it create a safe environment
- Keep having them

- Keep the conversation going.
- The committee is looking at the long range big housing picture. It might be helpful to focus on a specific topic per meeting.
- Perhaps establishing “group agreements” about how we will interact with one another. Examples: one person talks at a time, individuals present are engaged and not on devices.

6. How would you like to be engaged by the Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee in the future?

- I would be interested in to help brainstorm how to get info into our community and gather meaningful data/input on what our community wants.
- Would it be helpful to engage Town DEI? Engage for surveys?
- Continue to attend forums.
- Host community meetings.
- My interest combines denser housing and safe mobility. “!5 minute” Communities. Not sure how to combine these but I would participate.

8. Do you have any additional comments that you would like to share with the committee?

- There seems to be alignment between the Housing Diversity Study Committee and the charge of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. Might there be a joint workshop?
- One group worth talking to might Judy’s Pantry. How near are the group to not being able to stay in Cape Elizabeth?
- I think the survey and future communication needs to very clear and precise so the opportunity for misinformation is low.
- I do think education plays a role in getting people interested. Book study? Videos?

9. How did you learn about this session?

- I heard about the meeting via word of mouth from a member of the Town DEI.
- Saw flyer posted by a trail in the woods.
- I heard about this forum in Facebook Cape Pod.