



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 5/5/2021

TITLE:

Community Development Fiscal Year 2022 Work Program

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Receive the Community Development Department Work Program update

ITEM TYPE: Regular Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Filardo, McCulley

PRESENTER (S): Jodie Filardo, Amelia McCulley

LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Twice a year, the Community Development Department (CDD) updates the Board of Supervisors on those projects above and beyond the date-driven, day-to-day obligatory work of the department. The most recent update took place on September 16, 2020. Projects requested beyond the day-to-day obligations comprise the CDD Work Program; and as time permits and with Board direction, staff folds the work on these items into the regular workflow. Unforeseen priorities and challenges may intervene. Such has been the case with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Quality Government Operations - Ensure County government's ability to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

DISCUSSION: Since September 2020, ongoing receipt of applications continues to track at similar levels to those before the pandemic, although the dollar value of individual projects appears to be down slightly year-over-year. The challenges of gathering community input during the pandemic, the obligatory projects and their staffing needs, and the impact of seven frozen positions within CDD have pushed out estimated completion dates on many of the work program projects, as staff is deployed to meet daily obligations. Staff continues to push forward to address incoming mandated applications while furthering work program projects.

This presentation will share the current status of previous work program items, as well as the list of requests for projects. To address Board priorities, this upcoming fiscal year focuses on zoning modernization coupled with comprehensive plan and related zoning implementation. In addition, staff is introducing investments in capacity to improve customer service.

The list of project requests continues to grow. Staff has not scoped this list and will need to do so before bringing any of these items forward for consideration.

BUDGET IMPACT: The comprehensive plan and zoning modernization work shared in this presentation are predicated on the funding of external resources under consideration by the Board at the meeting on May 5,

2021. Other possible budget impacts will be brought to the Board for formal consideration at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is seeking Board consideration and acceptance of the staff approach to the work planned for Fiscal Year 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - CDD Work Program Updates