



# Staff Report

<b>MEMO DATE:</b>	<b>August 2, 2019</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Village Board
<b>FROM:</b>	Matt Giese – Village Administrator
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Village Board Prioritization Process</b>

## OVERVIEW

The Board has finalized the overall list of priorities and at the last meeting began the process of reviewing what Village staff is currently working on regarding the top priorities identified. At the last meeting we covered the top priority: Economic Development. The #2 priority is “Expanding housing options/affordable housing/residential growth”.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

To help give the Board an idea of what staff is already working on in regards to housing, the following are various initiatives and projects under review:

--Comprehensive Plan update: staff has been gathering public feedback and working with the Plan Commission for the past year (plus) on the plan. Some of the update so far has focused on strategically identifying areas for multi-family and mixed use developments. There has also been a theme on discussing diversifying the Village’s housing and researching various lot sizes for single family housing.

--Staff will be attending the Dane County Housing Summit in October.

--Residential projects under construction:

- Westlawn 4<sup>th</sup> Addition
- Quarry Ridge
- West Drumlin

--Residential projects under consideration/in approval process

- Shady Grove
- Westlawn 5<sup>th</sup> Addition



--Residential projects that developers are actively working to bring to fruition

- Coyle South final phase
- The Farm
- Movin' Out – Mixed Use Affordable Housing
- CF Investments – Mixed Use Market Rate Housing and Condos

--Residential projects that have been active at times in the last few years, but not active recently

- Widen/Olson (single family plat)
- Horizon – Overlook Crossing: Mixed use site with Multi-family, dog park, and commercial space

## **NEXT STEPS**

The following is what everyone submitted for this particular priority:

“Housing options. We need to have housing options for our residents for their grown children to return to live here, or when our residents become empty-nesters, or when they grow older and want to downsize, our current residents aren't going to be able to stay in our community. We have to have choices for our residents in order to maintain our current population. Also, residential and commercial growth go together. We can't focus on bringing in businesses to our community without providing options for their employees to live (MR). **///** Affordable housing options: Affordable Housing does not mean 'low-income housing'. Salary ranges needed to afford a home in Cottage Grove far exceed the average salary for Dane County residents. For example, a two-income family of two Monona Grove School District teachers could barely afford one of the few homes listed at the lowest range of housing options. We need to provide affordable housing options for average, middle class residents of Dane County – including condos, apartments, duplexes, and smaller-scale single-family homes (SV). **///** Residential Growth, new neighborhoods, affordable housing; working with developers in positive relationships (JL).”

On-going discussion and questions to ask yourself:

- Are the current initiatives/projects adequate to meet the Board's expectations for this priority?
- Is there further direction you would like staff to pursue and to potentially address in up-coming goal setting during performance reviews?
- Is there anything you feel needs to be addressed in the short term?