

Minutes of Affordable Housing Committee and HOH Affordable HDFC of April 8, 2021
7:30 PM via Zoom

Attendance:

Mark Cassella	Absent
Tom Donohoe *	Absent
Nick Frascone *	Absent
Christina Griffin	Absent
James Keaney	Present
Bob Licht*	Absent
Ira Lichtiger*	Present
Arthur Riolo*	Present
Andrew Smith *	Present
Elise Smith*	Absent
Patty Speranza*	Present
Bettina Speyer	Present
Ernesto Vigoreaux	Present
Patrick Sullivan	Present

* Member of Hastings-on-Hudson Affordable Housing Development Fund Co., Inc.

Tom Speyer, Planning Board	Present
Rose Noonan, Housing Action Council	Present
Gal Yaguri- Tadmor	
Amelia Toledo	

Minutes were taken by Ira Lichtiger

Arthur Riolo called the meeting to order.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the Village Accessory Apartment Ordinance in relation to the proposed County ordinance. There was a lengthy discussion of issues including the purpose of public review and renewal process for ADUs, balancing our support of affordable housing with community concerns about changing the character of neighborhoods and political realities, which resulted in the following proposals many of us would support, and we decided to table these for a motion to gain Committee support, at the May meeting:

1. Support the proposed County provision to allow for the creation of accessory apartment (“ADUs”) through new construction either of a separate structure or an addition to existing;
2. Oppose the existing provision in the Village ordinance that the special permit for ADUs expire automatically upon change of ownership or when owner ceases to occupy the residence.

3. Oppose the existing Village limit of 50 ADUs
4. Seek Village support in promoting this important ordinance

Graham Windham. Rose and Arthur advised they hadn't heard of any movement in sale of this property. Last we heard, they were planning to keep the school building, and entertaining proposals for residential, possibly assisted living uses. Current zoning is single family

St Matthews school site, HAC applied for feasibility funds, several months for diocese to approve church undertaking feasibility. Two possibilities, keeping school building for adaptive reuse and new building, or demo school entirely.

Bettina suggested that St Matthews reach out to neighboring Hastings Terrace to explore a common/public landscaped area.

Patty advised that approvals for the construction of the building at 45 Main Street included a requirement that the stairs connecting the rear of that property and the rear of the St. Matthew School property and Hastings Terraces be maintained for public use.

Miscellaneous

Arthur talked about meeting in person, he will reach out to other members who haven't been joining the virtual meetings, and let them know we'd be meeting in person again fairly soon.

Arthur will ask son Steven to add Patrick to zoom meetings and minutes

Our next meeting will be May 13, 2021.

Arthur moved to adjourn the meeting, Ira seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.