Minutes of Affordable Housing Committee and HOH Affordable HDFC of March 10, 2022

7:30 PM via Zoom

Attendance:

Afreen Alam Absent

Mark Cassella Absent

Nick Frascone \* Absent

Christina Griffin Absent

James Keaney Present

Bob Licht\* Absent

Ira Lichtiger\* Present

Arthur Riolo\* Present

Andrew Smith \* Present

Patty Speranza \* Present

Bettina Speyer Present

Patrick Sullivan Present

Ernesto Vigoreaux\* Present

David Ferris Present

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

Tom Speyer, Planning Board - Present

Rose Noonan, Housing Action Council – Present

Irene

Minutes were taken by Ira Lichtiger

Arthur called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

February minutes – James moved for both to be approved, Ira seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. ADU’s

 Thanks to the ADU committee for putting together a program. Andrew tasked with finding a speaker from AARP or Regional Planning Association. Tom will speak to Buddy Minozzi about attending. Arthur will reach out to Linda Whitehead and the Mayor to ask them to attend. Patty will connect with Raf, for eblast, and recording the event. Arthur asked whether we’d want to have someone to speak about tax impact, decision not to have a panelist, but Rose will give Ira Edie’s number at the town tax office to inquire if there’s anything to know other than the tax rate. Bettina asked if it makes sense to ask Mark C. and Christina if they can attend. Patrick suggested if Buddy Minozzi cannot attend, it would be more important to have an architect on the panel. David suggested having someone who has gone through the process, or someone living in an ADU. Arthur will see if he can find someone. Patrick will write copy for an ad in the Enterprise. David suggesting we do a link to the website page about ADUs.

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David suggested reaching beyond the Village.

Motion by Arthur to begin the ADU workshop process by e-blasting the letter drafted by the ADU Committee, which will let us know if there’s enough interest to move forward.

Ira seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Irene Wemer from 52 Washington was on the call and chatted to Andrew. Andrew will reach out to her and ask how it’s going at 42.

Motion to close the Committee meeting by Patty seconded by Ira, all voted in favor.

The meeting of the Committee was adjourned until the next meeting on April 14, 2022.

A meeting of the Hastings Affordable Housing Development Fund Company was called to order to vote on the expenditure of advertising the ADU workshop in the Enterprise.

There was a quorum with Patty, Arthur, Andrew and Ira. Patrick also attended.

Arthur moved to allot up to $500 toward a ½ page newspaper advertisement in the Enterprise for the ADU workshop, should we move ahead with it. Ira seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

There was some discussion about leaving open the possibility of meeting in person in April, and we decided to ask the committee members via email, if Covid remains calm, if they would be interested in attending an in-person meeting next month. Ira will include this with the meeting minutes.

Arthur moved to close the HDFC meeting, Patty seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira Lichtiger