Minutes of Affordable Housing Committee and HOH Affordable HDFC of February 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 – Absent

Eileen Quinlan – interested resident

Gerald B. Dixon

Minutes were taken by Ira Lichtiger

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

1. Approval of Minutes

December and January minutes – Ira moved for both to be approved, Andrew seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. ADU’s

 Arthur introduced the state and national discussion on ADU’s. Exclusionary single-family zoning is being questioned statewide and nationally. Governor came out in support of legislation that municipalities allow for ADU’s, and White House came out in support of ADU’s. There’s been a big political reaction opposing this. Village may not be in favor, in part because of assault on home rule. Bettina suggests going to talk to village trustees or others from Village. Andrew expressed concern that the current politics may make this a bad time for the committee to project our message educating Hastings about an existing law. David suggested there’s a big wave around ADU’s, now’s a good time to support it. Patrick also concerned about an ADU event being hijacked by opposition to the proposed law. Arthur recalled that we originally talked about how to up awareness of affordable housing. ADU’s came out of that discussion. Point of the forum was originally to

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let folks know that affordable housing will not decrease home values, etc. David suggesting open forum to exchange ideas. Jim supporting idea of having an educational forum about the Village law, and how to go about it. Tom pointed out we’re not going anywhere with a forum when the Mayor has not given permission to use the Village mailing list for this purpose. Patty advised the Village Manager has to approve Village mailing use. Arthur to see if we can get a meeting with the Mayor, not specifically to talk about ADU’s. And Jim suggested we attend any forums where candidates taking questions and ask their positions on an awareness campaign about our existing ADU law.

3. 52 Washington – Arthur and Ira reported on meeting with owners of 52 Washington.

4. 422 Warburton

 The building has installed air source heat pumps in 9 of 14 units and apparently on the way to completing this project. Arthur suggested talking to the management about training the renters how to clean their interior units. Patty suggested continuing to nudge them about how they are marketing the units. Ira will reach out to Rose to continue the conversation with the main Richman office.

5. Nothing new to report on Graham Windham, St. Matthews, 0 Warburton.

 Ira will send out conflict of interest form to members of the Board.

 Bettina moved to close the meeting seconded by Andrew, all in favor.

The meeting of the Board was adjourned until the next meeting on March 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira Lichtiger