

Mtn. Lakes Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting

Virtual meeting

Committee members: Bob Oostdyk, Borough Attorney; Sandy Batty, Community Member; Sueanne Sylvester, HPC, Blair Schleicher Wilson, Community Member, and Committee Chair; Cynthia Korman, Chris Cannon, Khizar Sheikh - Council Members.

Public: Tom Chiang

1. February Meeting Minutes approved as written.

2. Discussion Items

AHTF expenditure. Council discussed and gave the authority go ahead with having the \$20,000 be offered as an incentive for a new accessory apartment. Sueanne said she would like to try to see if \$10,000 would be enough of an incentive. She will give feedback. However, if more than one potential landlord shows interest in the \$20,000, we could offer it to both, because \$20,000 is the minimum that we need to spend. After we get feedback, we can start letting residents know. We will look at what our website says and link to it from the Borough blast. Sueanne thought it's best to communicate one-on-one. We can target the existing non-conforming apartments.

Veterans project Construction has begun. The Council introduced the PILOT agreement, which is scheduled for adoption at the next meeting. The Council adopted the conservation easement. It would be nice to have a groundbreaking ceremony to let residents know. The AHAC committee could sponsor it and use it to publicize the affordable housing program. We could also highlight it at the Memorial Day celebration to tie it in with veterans.

AHAC member requirements; expand number of public members? We currently don't have a member designated from the Planning Board, however the Mayor and Manager are on the Board. The question was raised if the zoning board needs to be represented. Khizar said that we want to be careful about expanding the numbers of committee members. All the meetings are open to the public. The committee should let the Council know why an expansion is needed. The planner is on the AHAC but right now doesn't attend because our current plan has been written and adopted. Blair suggested that we could have alternates, who could serve and learn more about the committee. We can recommend that the resolution be amended to include the position of alternate and name the person. Tom Chiang said he would be interested.

3. Other

Blair suggested committee could do a field trip of affordable housing examples around the area.

4. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting- April 12, 2023 8:30 a.m.

