



VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

MEETING DATE: APRIL 13, 2021

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. : 6

AGENDA ITEM: DISCUSSION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION PLAN

ITEM BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2020 FROM MS. TIFFANY ZEZULA/DEPUTY DIRECTOR LAND USE LAW CENTER AND MS. ROSEMARIE NOONAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HOUSING ACTION COUNCIL TO THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY
2. LETTER DATED APRIL 6, 2021 FROM MS. TRACY BARON/CHAIRPERSON DOBBS FERRY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE TO DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 12, 2020

Village of Dobbs Ferry
112 Main St.
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

RE: Fair & Affordable Housing Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

The Land Use Law Center (LULC) in partnership with the Housing Action Council (HAC) is pleased to submit this proposal to assist in creating a fair and affordable housing plan (FAHP) for the Village of Dobbs Ferry, including facilitating community workshops on affordable housing.

We propose to provide the following services:

- Review minutes and other relevant documents from the Village's Affordable Housing Committee to familiarize ourselves with the Committee's work and analyses to date;
- Review regional, county and local demographic and housing trends with Committee and develop a presentation for a community workshop;
- Review and evaluate a master list of possible actions prepared by the Committee to facilitate fair & affordable housing in the Village;
- Assist in organizing and facilitating a 2 hour community meeting in order to solicit the community's input on fair and affordable housing needs and ways in which the needs may be addressed;
- Consult on the marketing and advertising of the public sessions;
- Review and synthesize information collected at the public engagement session; and
- Review and provide feedback on Committee's drafted FAHP.

We propose a budget of \$5,000 for these services of which \$1,875 can be covered through Housing Action Council's technical assistance contract with the County of Westchester for 2020. The cost to the Village would be \$3,125. The Village will be responsible for all refreshment costs in relation to the public meeting and will provide the printing and reproduction of marketing materials, maps and posters. Finally, the Village will provide assistance with all electronic advertising.

Additional Services:

- Assist the Committee in drafting a FAHP through 1-2 Committee meetings;
- Facilitate a second community meeting at which the draft FAHP is presented and input is solicited; and
- Assist the Committee in finalizing a FAHP.

We propose to budget an additional \$5,000 for these services of which \$1,875 can be covered through Housing Action Council's contract with the County and the balance of \$3,125 by the Village.

Please let us know if this is acceptable.

Tiffany Zezula
Deputy Director
Land Use Law Center

Rosemarie Noonan
Executive Director
Housing Action Council

April 6, 2021

To the Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees:

In accordance with its mission, the Dobbs Ferry Affordable Housing Task Force (DFAHTF) is beginning the process of creating an Affordable Housing Action Plan. An Affordable Housing Action Plan is a policy document with a set of concrete steps for the Village to support that will increase the availability of affordable housing for a wide variety of people in Dobbs Ferry. The plan will use an equity lens to develop clear, actionable strategies to meet current and future housing needs.

The DFAHTF believes that it is critical to engage the larger Dobbs Ferry community as part of the process of developing an Affordable Housing Action Plan. This community engagement should include opportunities to (1) educate the public; (2) learn about concerns, questions, and priorities; and (3) incorporate that information into Plan.

The Pace University Land Use Law Center (LULC), in partnership with the Housing Action Council (HAC), is offering to assist the DFAHTF “in creating a fair and affordable housing plan (FAHP) for the Village of Dobbs Ferry, including facilitating community workshops on affordable housing.” As presented in their proposal, the Village’s contribution would be \$3,125.

The DFAHTF respectfully requests that the BOT approve the LULC proposal.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tracy Baron
Chairperson
Dobbs Ferry Affordable Housing Task Force