

Arlington Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF)

Preparing the Action Plan



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Planning & Preparation Steps Completed March - June



PLANNING & PREPARATION

Spring

Trustees meet with housing stakeholders and review the Housing Production Plan, Fair Housing Action Plan and other research and information, Trustees prepare draft guiding principles and proposed strategies for the Action Plan, and design process for preparing the plan and engaging the community.

- ✓ Orientation of Trustees and Group Agreement re: Conduct of Meetings
- ✓ Housing Corporation of Arlington – Presentation by Neil Mongold
- ✓ Arlington Housing Authority – Presentation by/Meeting with Jack Nagle
- ✓ Presentation of Housing Production Plan to Trustees by Judi Barrett
- ✓ Review of Fair Housing Action Plan
- ✓ Application to CPA Committee for Funding
- ✓ Presentation by Trustees to CPA Committee, CPAC Liaisons Appointed
- ✓ Action Plan Working Group Formed
- ✓ Community Engagement Process developed
- ✓ Preliminary Action Plan priorities & principles developed
- ✓ Preliminary menu of Action Plan strategies developed
- ✓ Initial Draft of survey prepared
- ✓ Request for Proposals issued for Consultant Town Meeting Announcement 6-8-22

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Goals of the Process

- Solicit feedback regarding priorities and initiatives for the Trust;
- Garner interest and support for preserving and creating new affordable housing in Arlington; and
- Build consensus and alignment regarding short- and long-term affordable housing goals and strategies.

Inclusion of Under-represented Groups

A housing survey will be made available online and via volunteers using a “street intercept” format. Outreach efforts will be designed to ensure inclusion of those most likely to need affordable housing, and least likely to be participate in typical public processes.

Building Alignment Among Housing Stakeholders

Proactive work to preserve and expand affordable housing in Arlington will require significant consensus about objectives. The AHTF will host joint meetings of Town bodies that have interest in or authority over housing to lay a foundation for this alignment.

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Resident Survey June 15-30

A housing survey will be made available online and via volunteers using a “street intercept” format. Outreach efforts will be designed to include those who may not typically join housing discussions.

Targeted Listening Sessions July 6-27

We expect to facilitate 5-6 sessions specifically to hear from under-represented groups, including seniors, young people, renters, people of color and people with disabilities or special needs.

Public Forum(s)

We’ll host one or more public forums during the community engagement process to engage and invite input from all residents. Another public meeting will be held during the review period.

Joint Meeting of Housing Stakeholders

The AHTF will also host a joint meeting of Town bodies and private organizations that have interest in or authority over housing, to ensure their input and build alignment across stakeholders.

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How Can You Help?

Survey

- Promote the online survey
- Volunteer to conduct street intercept surveys
- Share your ideas for engaging under-represented voices

Community Engagement

- Share your ideas and listen to the ideas and perspectives of others
- Comment on the draft AHTF Action Plan

Support Funding

- Urge state legislators to approve the Transfer Fee home rule petition that Town Meeting approved last year.
- Protect/restore local ARPA Funds for Affordable Housing
- Plan to provide sustainable funding from other sources for Action Plan strategies

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