



BROOKLINE HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN: INVOICE 5 PROGRESS UPDATE

April 5, 2022

Barrett Planning Group, Community Circle, and Dodson & Flinker are pleased to report on our progress on the update of the Town of Brookline’s Housing Plan. This memo accompanies our fifth invoice to the Town, dated April 5, 2022.

Task Description	Budget	Invoice #5 4-5-2022	Cumulative	Balance	% Invoiced
Task 1: Community Engagement	\$32,400.00	\$ 2,559.00	\$22,864.00	\$ 9,536.00	70.6%
Task 2: Housing Needs Assessment	\$20,250.00	-	\$ 8,940.00	\$ 11,310.00	44.1%
Task 3: Affordable Housing Goals	\$14,400.00	-	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,400.00	6.9%
Task 4: Housing Strategies	\$19,650.00	-	\$ 4,110.00	\$ 15,540.00	20.9%
Task 5: Location-Based Recommendations	\$42,330.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 32,630.00	22.9%
Task 6: Miscellaneous Project Coordination	\$24,960.00	\$ 2,790.00	\$16,500.00	\$ 8,460.00	66.1%
Subtotal - Professional Fees	\$153,990.00	\$ 8,049.00	\$63,114.00	\$ 90,876.00	41.0%

TASK 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1.2 Outreach, Consultation, Involvement, Collaboration, Shared Leadership

On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act. The consulting team asks Brookline residents to commemorate the passage of this historic legislation with us by submitting Six-Word Stories, which combine storytelling and poetry to capture and convey important messages about residents’ perceptions and visions for housing in Brookline, now and into the future. These Six-Word Stories can be submitted any time in April by email or in hard copy in a number of locations throughout Brookline (see project page for further information).

The consulting team has also developed a draft Meeting-in-a-Box packet. While these materials are still being reviewed internally by the consulting team, they will soon become available to members of the community who would like to participate by facilitating or engaging in these “kitchen conversations.” The Meeting-in-a-Box serves to broaden outreach and provide additional opportunity to get involved in the Housing Plan process in a format that’s approachable to anyone interested. There will be an update to the project page on the Town’s website when these materials become available.

TASK 5: LOCATION-BASED TESTING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Place-Based Analysis

The team continues its work developing criteria for site suitability and identifying locations whose development or redevelopment may further fair housing and social equity. The team is preparing models like those presented at the Second Community Forum to illustrate site potential under Brookline’s current regulatory framework, as well as under other proposed scenarios that may reflect options for regulatory updates. These models aim to honor neighborhood character and context while demonstrating the development potential of test “prototype” sites for Brookline and its community.

TASK 6: MISCELLANEOUS PROJECT COORDINATION

The consulting team and Working Group have met seven times (October 12, November 9, November 30, December 14, January 11, February 8, and March 8) via Zoom.