



Ada Jenkins Teaching House

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Cindy Reid
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1. OVERVIEW

Janice Hinton, with the Ada Jenkins Center (AJC), will make a presentation about a new program the AJC is working on which helps a family transition from homeless or rent burdened to living in a safe, good, and affordable home. AJC will rent the home located at 825 Shearer Street from the Town for a year. The lease will not be automatically renewed, but will come back to the BOC for any renewal. AJC will sublease the home to a family that has been vetted by AJC, and that have met the income criteria required by AJC. Conversations are also underway with the Town of Cornelius which have resulted in their support of the project.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan: The Town of Davidson will preserve existing affordable housing,* and other indicia of inclusion, and work with a variety of partners to create new available, affordable workforce and elderly housing.

*Affordable housing for the Town of Davidson is defined as incomes between 50% and 120% AMI

Core Value: Davidson's historic mix of people in all income levels and ages is fundamental to our community, so town government will encourage opportunities, services, and infrastructure that allow people of all means to live and work here.

Serve: Households that earn less than 60% and up to 80% AMI. The teaching house family will most likely be in the lower income range (less than 60% AMI)

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

Pro- \$400 rent for a vacant house, supports the Town's affordable housing goals, and supports a community partner. AJC will be responsible for upkeep. Town will be responsible for major repairs.

Cons- House is not available for an intern or as temporary housing for an employee.

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is an FYI. AJC wants an opportunity to show case its program to the BOC and Davidson citizens. The BOC approved leasing to the AJC, and the AJC understands the lease is only for a year. It also understands that it may not be renewed depending on the plans for the Beaty Street Park.

5. NEXT STEPS

Staff will work on lease with AJC.