

Swarthmore Development and Affordability Task Force Report

Appendix A

Task Force Authorizing Resolution

SWARTHMORE BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2021-
Establishing a Development and Affordability Task Force

WHEREAS the Borough of Swarthmore recognizes that providing a welcoming and liveable community to residents of all incomes levels contributes to the quality of life in the Borough; and

WHEREAS Borough Council recognizes that rapidly rising housing costs make it difficult or impossible for some residents to continue to live in the borough or for others who could contribute to the vibrancy and diversity of the community to move in; and

WHEREAS Borough Council recognizes that structures are required to realize the goal enshrined in our zoning code "To have the population consist of a stimulating mix of people from all economic, social and educational backgrounds, and of all ages, races, and creeds;" and

WHEREAS the Borough has residents with knowledge and interest in issues of affordability and development who would be willing to serve on a task force on these issues.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough of Swarthmore that:

- 1) The Borough of Swarthmore hereby establishes a Development and Affordability Task Force (the "Task Force").
 - a) The Task Force shall consist of [members].
 - b) Borough Council and the Swarthmore Study Group on Development and Affordability steering committee shall appoint the members of the Task Force, which shall include persons representing a cross-section of the community who have knowledge, experience, and interest in various aspects of development and affordability in housing.
 - c) Members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of Borough Council.
 - d) [Liaisons shall be...]
- 2) The mission of the Task Force shall be to identify and recommend strategies to Borough Council to preserve and expand reasonably priced housing in Swarthmore.
- 3) The Task Force, in the interest of transparency and efficiency, shall advertise its meetings, hold its meetings in public, and give an opportunity at its meetings for public comment and input.

- 4) The scope of work of the Task Force should include, but not be limited to:
 - a) considering public input into concerns and priorities;
 - b) surveying the Borough's existing housing stock, resources, ordinances, and regulations;
 - c) communicating with other stakeholders, interested parties and organizations, as well as neighboring communities and subject matter experts; and
 - d) formulating recommendations for Council's consideration.

- 5) Recommendations of the Task Force may include, but need not be limited to, actions to be considered by Borough Council in the areas of:
 - a) creation or dissemination of informational resources;
 - b) implementation or revision of ordinances, rules, and policies.

- 6) The Task Force shall be advisory in nature and shall not have administrative, legislative, or financial authority.

- 7) Nothing in this resolution is intended to obligate the Borough or the Borough Council to take any action other than those set forth herein.

- 8) The Task Force shall exist for a period of one calendar year following its initial meeting. The Task Force may make recommendations to Borough Council from time to time, or may embody all of its recommendations in a final report to Council. Borough Council may extend the one-year term at the request of the Task Force if additional time is needed to complete its work. Unless the term is extended by action of Council, the Task Force shall be automatically dissolved and terminated upon the anniversary of its initial meeting or on any subsequent termination date established by Council without the need for any additional action of Council.

DULY ADOPTED by the Swarthmore Borough Council this xxx day of xxx, 202x

Mary J. Walk
Council President

ATTESTED this xxx day of xxx, 202x

Jane C. Billings
Borough Manager/Secretary