

Faith Community Homes



nurturing families to a brighter future

July 9, 2014

Mr. Charles Perkins

Director of Planning and Development

Village of Arlington Heights

33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Mr. Perkins;

I am writing in support of the proposed Parkview project at 212 N. Dunton Ave. As you probably know, Faith Community Homes provides assistance to low income families in Arlington Heights who are burdened by high rental costs. The families we work with are employed, hard working people who have either fallen on "hard times" or they need to develop more skills in order to increase their incomes.

There is great need in the Village for housing that is affordable to those who live here. While many people have no trouble affording housing in Arlington Heights, we know there are people who are in desperate need of help.

For example, Faith Community Homes is currently providing rent support to four families within several blocks of this proposed project. One is a manager of a retail store with a wife and 5 children. His income simply is not enough to cover living expenses. He is studying to become a paralegal in hopes to increase his income. Another family is a single father who is a senior account manager at a major financial firm in Chicago. His wife left him with 2 small children with severe medical problems. Insurance has not paid for all the care and he is tens of thousands of dollars in debt. With this debt, he cannot afford housing at normal prices. Faith Community Homes is providing over 50% of his rent expenses. The other families are single mothers struck by divorce and no child support. They both have good jobs as dental and medical assistants. These are only a few of the families we are aware of right here in Arlington Heights who are struggling to make ends meet.

There is great need for housing in Arlington Heights that people with lower incomes and financial challenges can afford. We hope that the Village will approve this project to include affordable units. This inclusion will make the Village a stronger and more viable place to live.

Sincerely,

Charles Warner

Executive Director

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