

## MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 24, 2015  
TIME: 4:15 p.m.  
PLACE: Housing and Community Development Department  
350 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 312, Dubuque, IA 52001

Vice-Chairperson Schwendinger, following staff assurance of compliance with Iowa Open Meeting Law, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	Sister Dorothy Schwendinger Anna Fernandes Ricardo Woods	David Wall Amy Eudaley
Commissioners Absent:	Patricia Foster Rick Baumhover Lisa Eubanks	Jim Holz Bob McDonnell
Staff Present:	Kim Glaser Alvin Nash Janet Walker	Erica Haugen Teresa Bassler
Public Present:	None	

### **Review and Certification of Minutes of January 27, 2015 Commission Meeting**

No quorum. January 27, 2015 minutes will be on the next month's agenda.

### **Correspondence/Public Input**

None

### **Crime Reports**

Commissioners were provided a summary of Cpl. Koch's crime reports.

### **Old Business**

#### **Rental License & Inspection Fee Structure**

Alvin Nash reported the City previously subsidized the Rental Program with general funds. This will be discontinued in future budgets. The rental program will be required to generate enough income through rental licensing and inspection fees to keep the program self-sustainable.

The inspection fees do not apply to the Assisted Housing voucher program.

### **New Business**

#### **Source of Income**

Alvin Nash provided a brief overview of the handout; Sources of Income. He explained the landlords can decline renters depending on their "source of income". Protected benefits such as Social Security, Disability, and the Housing Choice Vouchers are often not accepted by landlords. Thus, this is an impediment to fair housing and will be reviewed. We must be prudent in reviewing rules and regulations to ensure we are not creating additional fair housing impediments.

A Source of Income Committee has been created with members consisting of current staff, board and/or commission members. This committee will collect data and study options over the next 2 years to determine the best course of action.

**Information Sharing**

Amy Eudaley expressed interest in reviewing City Code to improve rental property amenities and health and safety.

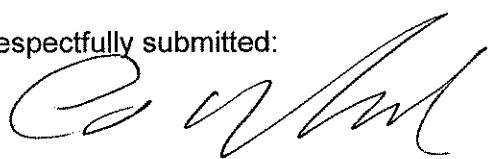
**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by:

Kim Glaser  
Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted:

  
Alvin Nash  
Department Director