MINUTES FOR HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, August 24, 2021
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Housing and Community Development Department
350 West 6th Street, City Council Chambers; Dubuque, IA 52001

Chairperson Rick Baumhover called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners Present: Rick Baumhover  Jeff Lenhart
                      Janice Craddieth  Gail Weitz
                      Hilary Dalton  Margie White
                      Amy Eudaley

Commissioners Absent: Sam Wooden

Staff Present: Alexis Steger  Tonya England
              Gina Hodgson  Hollie Ohnesorge

Public Present: Amanda Hohmann-Dupont  Ashley Noonan

Certification of Minutes – May 11, 2021 Housing Commission Meeting
Commissioner Amy Eudaley moved to approve the Minutes for the June 22, 2021 Housing Commission Meeting. Commissioner Jeff Lenhart seconded. Roll call. Seven (7) in favor. Motion passed.

Oath of Office – Hilary Dalton
Hilary Dalton read the Oath of Office.

Oath of Office – Gail Weitz
Gail Weitz read the Oath of Office.

Oath of Office – Sam Wooden
Sam Wooden was not present.

Correspondence/Public Input
None

New Business
a. Resignation of Michelle Becwar
   Gina Hodgson, Assisted Housing Supervisor, stated the resignation of Michelle Becwar was accepted.

b. Resignation of Cynthia Washington
   Hodgson announced the resignation of Cynthia Washington was accepted.

c. Appointment of Liaison to Long Range Planning Advisory Commission
   Hodgson explained a new appointment is needed for the Liaison to the Long Range Planning Advisory Commission due to Michelle Becwar’s resignation.

   Commissioner Gail Weitz moved to appoint Amy Eudaley as the Liaison to Long Range Planning Advisory Commission. Commissioner Janice Craddieth seconded. Roll call. Seven (7) in favor. Motion passed.
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d. Appointment of Liaison to Community Development Advisory Commission

Hodgson stated the term ended for the Liaison to the Community Development Advisory Commission; therefore, a new appointment was needed for the position.

Commissioner Eudaley moved to appoint Hilary Dalton as the Liaison to Long Range Planning Advisory Commission. Commissioner Weitz seconded. Roll call. Seven (7) in favor. Motion passed.

Reports

a. Continuum of Care Special Needs Assistance Program

Amanda Hohmann-Dupont, former Regional Homeless Coordinator with East Central Development Corporation, explained the Continuum of Care Special Needs Assistance Program is currently serving 15 households. (One of the minors became an adult and a client had a child taken from the household.)

She introduced the new Regional Homeless Coordinator, Ashley Noonan, of whom will be her replacement. (Hohmann-Dupont accepted a new role, Mobility and Outreach Specialist.)

b. Community Development Advisory Commission Report

Commissioner Hilary Dalton summarized the meetings held on August 14, 2021 and August 18, 2021 for the Community Development Advisory Commission (CDAC). She stated CDAC reviewed a grant application for Lincoln Elementary School.

c. Rehab Report

No Report

d. Assisted Housing Waiting List Statistical Summary

Alexis Steger, Department Director, reported Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allowed the Department to continue with pulling applicants from the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List. The Department plans to open the Waiting List each month for the remainder of the calendar year.

e. Housing Choice Voucher Participant Statistical Summary

Hollie Ohnesorge, Assisted Housing Coordinator, reported the Housing Choice Voucher program is currently serving 903 families.

f. Denial/Termination Meeting Results

Ohnesorge shared there were 3 proposed terminations for participants during the month of July.

Information Sharing

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Lenhart moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Eudaley seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
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Minutes taken by:

Tonya England
Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted:

Gina Hodgson
Assisted Housing Supervisor