

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: 4 December 2009
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Housing and Community Development Department
350 West 6th Street, Suite 312, Dubuque, IA 52001

Chairperson Kapler, following staff assurance of compliance with Iowa Open Meeting Law, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Commissioners Present:	William Helling David Kapler Dorothy Culbertson	Lynn Sutton Judie Root (via telephone) Sister Dorothy Schwendinger, OSF
Commissioners Absent:	Linda Frommelt Jim Holz	Char Eddy
Staff Present:	David Harris Jessica Kieffer Cpl. Mike Kane	Janet Walker Jerelyn O'Connor
Public Present:	Bob Woodward Jerry Maro	Len Decker

New Business

Report from Alta Vista Research on Rental Housing and Arrest Activity in the City of Dubuque – with Executive Summary and Interpretation of Results

Commissioner Kapler explained that based on comments/questions received regarding the Arrest Activity Analysis in Section 8 Housing that was presented at the November 2009 Housing Commission meeting, Alta Vista Research is presenting the information again to answer some of these questions. The data has not changed; additional information has been added that wasn't available for the previous report and it has been presented differently with some additional tables, graphs and conclusions.

Bob Woodward from Alta Vista Research summarized that some key takeaways from this study include that non-Dubuque and no permanent address arrestees made up over a fifth of all arrestees. Non-renters (those those not identifiable as living in either Section 8 or other rental housing) accounted for more (53%) of Dubuquer arrestees than renters (47%). Non-Section 8 renters made up more arrestees during the study period (19.6%) than Section 8 renters (17.4%). While Section 8 addresses (averaging 1,092) make up about 14% of all rental addresses, they accounted for just under half (47.1%) of all rental arrestee addresses during the study period. 83% of crime would still exist if Section 8 arrestees were eliminated.

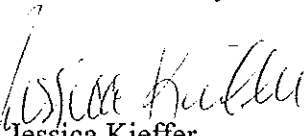
Mr. Woodward recommended for future data collection and research to include looking at the

data over a longer period of time (a full year). He suggested it would also likely be beneficial to delve deeper into all arrests (vs. arrestees) to determine recidivism in the sub-samples (Section 8 and others). Staff is recommending that a more involved, in-depth study be performed. This incorporates a longer time frame with more data, as well as some deeper and different analysis. A proposal was distributed to the Commissioners for their review. Commissioner Schwendinger motioned to receive, file and forward the proposal to City Council. Commissioner Root seconded. All present in favor.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, The meeting adjourned at 4:42PM. All present in favor.

Minutes taken by:



Jessica Kieffer
Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:



David Harris
Department Director