MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 24, 2015
TIME: 4:15 p.m.
PLACE: Housing and Community Development Department
        350 W. 6th 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:

[Signature]

Alvin Nash  
Department Director