

MINUTES FOR HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 26, 2016
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Housing and Community Development Department
350 West 6th Street, Suite 312; Dubuque, IA 52001

Chairperson Rick Baumhover called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners Present: Rick Baumhover
Janice Craddieth
Amy Eudaley
Anna Fernandes
Jill Kedley
Dorothy Schwendinger
David Wall

Commissioners Absent: Bob McDonell
Coralita Schumaker

Staff Present: Alvin Nash
Teresa Bassler
Tonya England
Erica Haugen
Scott Koch
Jerelyn O'Connor
Kris Neyen
Janet Walker

Public Present: *None*

Review and Certification of Minutes of March 22, 2016 Commission Meeting

Commissioner Jill Kedley moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Amy Eudaley seconded the motion. Roll call. All present in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence/Public Input

None

Old Business

a) Receipt of 2nd Draft PHA Annual Plan

Janet Walker, Assisted Housing Supervisor, reminded the commissioners of the special meeting being held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Housing & Community Development Conference Room. The purpose of this meeting will be to hold a public hearing and for commissioners to vote on the 2nd Draft of the PHA Annual Plan. She discussed how the funding received from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) needs to be utilized. She went on to talk about the changes that have been made to the Plan. Walker announced that representatives from HUD will be visiting the Housing & Community Development Department on May 25, 2016.

New Business

a) Janice Craddeith was sworn into the office as a commissioner on the Housing Commission.

b) Community Input for City Council Goal Setting

Erica Haugen, Community Development Specialist, presented information on the housing

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Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA), which was implemented by HUD.

Reports

a) Crime/Nuisance Property Report

Scott Koch, Investigator, stated that 2 properties have been added to the nuisance property list—this brings the total number of units on the list to 89. He has completed 413 background checks thus far for 2016.

b) CDBG Advisory Commission Report

Haugen discussed the funds being allocated for the Resiliency Grant. Three hundred twenty (320) housing units will receive funds for various types of repairs—from removing mold to replacing furnaces to repairing foundations.

c) Rehab Report

The Rehabilitation Programs Supervisor, Kris Neyen, talked about properties that the City owns. A prospective buyer will be closing on the purchase of the unit located at 1631 Jackson Street. There is a person who has shown interest in purchasing the 1656 Jackson Street property. The following property is being purchased by the City on Thursday: 2249 Harold Street. Neyen spoke about the 22 persons who attended the homeowner workshop who are interested in being homeowners.

d) Neighborhood Services

Jerelyn O'Connor, Neighborhood Development Specialist, spoke about the Mental Health Resource Fair that is being held at the Grand River Center. O'Connor also discussed the Washington Community Garden, which occurred last week, and how a high school group volunteered.

Information Sharing

The International Code has been approved by the City Council in a general sense per Alvin Nash, Director of Housing & Community Development. Training on the International Code is under development according to Haugen.

Commissioner Dorothy Schwendinger suggested 2 books for reading—*The New Jim Crow* and *The World & Me*.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Schwendinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Eudaley seconded. Motioned passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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Minutes taken by:

T. England

Tonya England
Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted:

A. Nash

Alvin Nash
Department Director