

MINUTES FOR HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, December 14, 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 4:01 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners Present: Rick Baumhover
Hilary Dalton
Amy Eudaley
Gail Weitz
Margie White
Sam Wooden (departure 4:28 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Janice Craddieth
Jeff Lenhart

Staff Present: Gina Hodgson
Tonya England
Hollie Ohnesorge

Public Present: None

Certification of Minutes – September 28, 2021, Housing Commission Meeting

Commissioner Hilary Dalton moved to approve the Minutes for the September 28, 2021, Housing Commission Meeting. Commissioner Gail Weitz seconded. Roll call. Six (6) in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence/Public Input

None

New Business

- a. Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Voucher Payment Standard
Hollie Ohnesorge, Assisted Housing Coordinator, explained the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City of Dubuque six (6) vouchers for the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program in January 2021. This program, which was designed to assist homeless veterans, provides housing assistance along with supportive services through HCAP and Veteran Affairs. (An additional six (6) vouchers have been awarded for 2022.)

HUD recently updated regulations that allow Public Housing Authorities to increase voucher payment standards for the VASH Program up to 120% of the fair market rent. This may allow clients to find units in exception rent areas. *(A copy of Item 4a is attached.)*

Commissioner Sam Wooden moved to approve the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Voucher Payment Standard. Commission Amy Eudaley seconded. Roll call. Six (6) in favor. Motion passed.

Reports

- a. Denial/Termination Meeting Results

Ohnesorge presented the report for the current denial/termination proposals.

Information Sharing

- a. In January, the Housing Commissioners should expect to receive a gift from the Mayor and City Council to show appreciation for commission members' service since the appreciation lunch/dinner has not been held.
- b. Commissioner Jeff Lenhart submitted his resignation for the Housing Commission last night.
- c. Commissioner Baumhover participated in the City Life 2.0 session as a panelist.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Margie White moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Weitz seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Minutes taken by:


Tonya England
Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted:


Gina Hodgson
Assisted Housing Supervisor

Federal Register: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher: Revised Implementation of HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program Effective 9/27/2012.

“To assist HUD-VASH participants in finding affordable housing, especially in competitive markets, HUD is waiving ~~24~~ CFR 982.503(a)(3) to allow a PHA to establish a HUD-VASH exception payment standard. Without this waiver, a PHA is required to establish a single payment standard amount for each unit size.”

	(Effective 10/01/2021)				
	<u>SRO</u>	<u>0BR</u>	<u>1BR</u>	<u>2BR</u>	<u>3BR</u>
FMR (Fair Market Rent)	416	554	634	834	1112
					<u>4BR</u> 1427
					<u>5BR</u> 1641
Voucher Payment Standard	SRO 416	0BR 600	1BR 695	2BR 915	3BR 1220
					<u>4BR</u> 1427
					<u>5BR</u> 1641
Proposed Payment Standard	SRO 499	0BR 664	1BR 760	2BR 1000	3BR 1334
					<u>4BR</u> 1712
					<u>5BR</u> 1969

4a) Veteran Affairs Supportive
Housing (VASH) Voucher
Payment Standard