

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.

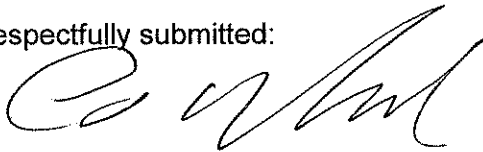
Adjournment

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:



Alvin Nash
Department Director