

**MUNICIPAL HOUSING  
GOVERNING BOARD  
COMMUNICATION:**

**02-560**

**AGENDA:**

NOVEMBER 4, 2002

**SUBJECT:**

OPERATIONAL  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF THE AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING TASK  
FORCE CONCERNING  
THE DES MOINES  
MUNICIPAL HOUSING  
AGENCY

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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ACTING HOUSING  
SERVICES DIRECTOR

**ITEM - MHGB\_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

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**SYNOPSIS —**

Receive, file, and refer to the City Manager operational recommendations of the Affordable Housing Task Force (AHTF) concerning the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA).

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Unknown operating cost savings.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Receive, file, and refer to City Manager.**

**BACKGROUND —**

During their March 2002 budget deliberations, the Municipal Housing Governing Board (MHGB) directed the DMMHA to prepare a Disposition Application for the purpose of selling up to 394 scattered site housing units in the Public Housing Program. The MHGB further directed DMMHA to participate in an AHTF made up of area housing non-profit agencies to develop recommendations aimed at reducing the operating costs of the Public Housing Program.

Represented Organizations on the Task Force

- Anawim
- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Central Iowa Center for Independent Living
- Community Development Department
- Community Housing Development Corporation
- Des Moines Neighbors
- DMMHA
- DMMHA Tenants
- Good Samaritan Urban Ministries
- Home Connection
- Home Inc.
- Human Services Planning Alliance
- Neighborhood Revitalization Board
- Polk County Housing Services

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- Public Housing Board
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Process Followed to Derive Recommendations

The AHTF conducted nine meetings over the course of five months, establishing five workgroups focused on the following operational areas:

- Financial Sustainability of the Public Housing Program
- Rehabilitation of Housing Units in the Public Housing Program
- 5h Homeownership Program
- Admissions and Intake
- Disposition of Scattered Site Units

Meetings were facilitated by an independent, third party, professional facilitator - Barb Ettelson, through a technical assistance grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Polk County Housing Trust Fund.

Recommendations

Task Force recommendations encompass four of the five workgroups. (See attachment to the roll call.) The Disposition Application is presented for approval in another agenda item.