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SUBJECT—

Approval of the proposed schedule for developing the 2005-2009 5-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2005 Program Year Action Plan.

SYNOPSIS—

Approval of the proposed schedule for developing the 2005-2009 5-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2005 Program Year Action Plan as required by HUD to receive federal funding.

FISCAL IMPACT—

No Impact

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

We are updating the current five-year affordable housing strategy, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Funds (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) programs.

The needs assessment component will be updated, according to Federal regulations, with the 2000 Census and the latest HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data which focuses on low to moderate income, minority and special needs households in Des Moines. Additional local information relevant to the purposes of the HUD funding programs is part of the required housing market analysis, which includes housing conditions, owner/renter availability, housing facilities and housing barriers.

To meet the requirement for a diversity of community outreach methods for public comment, the schedule includes a series of four community outreach forums to gather community input prior to the development of affordable housing, homeless and community development goals for the overall strategy. The forums are scheduled to occur on the following dates: February 28th at the Grubb YMCA, and the Hispanic Educational Resources Center (which have been completed); March 3rd at the Asian Alliance Board meeting; and a community-wide meeting on March 10th at the Botanical Center. The City has partnered with the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Making Connections Initiative in Des Moines to host these forums. The comments received will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) for consideration at their April 17th retreat to develop and recommend goals for the next Consolidated Plan.

By reviewing the past performances and accomplishments of programs and activities funded in the Consolidated Plan that has just ended, revising the Consolidated Plan every five-years provides the opportunity to develop new goals and refine and target areas of need that would further benefit affordable housing efforts in the community. Funding can be directed to new areas of concern or redirected from activities that have not proven effective.

Once recommended and if approved by City Council, the individual goals become the basis for the Notices of Funding Availability that are issued on June 7th to agencies and departments to submit program proposals for the coming program year, which will begin on January 1, 2005.

Additionally, it is recommended that the City Manager be granted the authority to make any necessary adjustments to the attached schedule to ensure implementation of the 2005 HUD Action Plan on January 1, 2005.