

# **Council Communication**

Office of the City Manager

**Date:** October 10, 2011

Agenda Item No. 13

Roll Call No. <u>11-1703</u>

Communication No. <u>11-632</u>
Submitted by: Douglas C. Romig,

Housing Services

Director

#### **AGENDA HEADING:**

Recommendation from Housing Services Director to appoint Don Vines, 1531 16th Street, Michelle Garcia, 2600 E. 39th Court, and John Warrington 1417 Forest Ave, #7 to the Housing Services Board per Chapter 90 of the City Code section (d).

### **SYNOPSIS:**

Approving recommendation from the Housing Services Director to appoint; Don Vines 1531 16th Street, Michelle Garcia, 2600 E. 39th Court, and John Warrington 1417 Forest Ave, #7 to the Housing Services Board for three-year terms representing current or former clients of the Agency's Public Housing, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Community Action services per Chapter 90 of the City Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On August 29, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-1482, the Des Moines City Council approved an amendment to Chapter 90 of the City Code regarding the establishment of a successor commission to the Public Housing Board entitled the Housing Services Board. This action was predicated by the transfer of Board functions for the Des Moines Community Action Agency from the Neighborhood Revitalization Board to the newly established Housing Services Board. Due to Federal and State funding requirements, the newly created Housing Services Board must be a tripartite board and include representation from low-income clients that are current or former participants of the Department representing low-income families. Additionally, the State of Iowa is requiring gender equity on Boards and Commissions, which the Housing Services Board falls under. This requirement shall take effect in 2012. Currently the Housing Services Board has five appointed members all of whom are female.

Under Chapter 90 part (d), it states: "The housing services director shall select and recommend for council member appointment three members of the Board who shall be current or former residents of low-income housing units in Des Moines with one representative a resident of a Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency-owned unit, one representative who is a resident of a unit where rent is subsidized by the Section 8 program and one resident who is a current or former client of the Community Action Agency." The following individuals meet the definition of the adopted City Code and are being recommended by the Housing Services Director for appointment to the Housing Services Board for a three-year terms commencing September 26, 2011.

**Board Member recommendations:** 

Don Vines 1531 16th Street Des Moines, IA 50314 R 244-7593

Michelle Garcia 2600 E. 39th Court Des Moines, IA 50317 R 402-6828

John Warrington 1417 Forest Ave, #7 Des Moines, IA 50314 R 243-4210

# PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 12, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-1570

<u>Action</u>: <u>Recommendation</u> from Council Member Bob Mahaffey to appoint Mary Bertogli to the Housing Services Board, Seat 5, for a three-year term commencing September 12, 2011 to expire June 30, 2014. **Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.** 

<u>Date</u>: August 29, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-1481

<u>Action</u>: <u>Amending</u> Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code establishing a Housing Services Board as a successor commission to the Public Housing Board. **Moved by Coleman that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.** 

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

**Board**: Public Housing Board

<u>Date</u>: July 20, 2011

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Approved recommendation to amend Chapter 90 of the City Code

**Board:** Neighborhood Revitalization Board

<u>Date</u>: August 3, 2011

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Approved recommendation to amend Chapter 90 of the City Code

## ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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