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Date November 9, 2009

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED FIRST (2010) YEAR ACTION PLAN OF THE 2010-2014 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Communication from the Chair of the Neighborhood Revitalization Board regarding the First (2010) Year Action Plan of the 2010-2014 HUD Consolidated Plan.

Moved by _____ to receive and file.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
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COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
MAHAFFEY				
VLASSIS				
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MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	
_____ Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

_____ City Clerk

CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

TO: The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

DATE: November 6, 2009

FROM: Jean Minahan, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

SUBJECT: 2010 Consolidated Plan

At their meeting on November 4, 2009, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) expected to meet with the City Manager or his designated representative to discuss any differences in our respective recommendations regarding the allocation of 2010 HUD Consolidated Plan funding. Neither the City Manager nor his representative was able to attend the meeting because of a public forum to discuss shortfalls in the 2010 Fiscal Year Budget. We realize this is a high priority, but we believe there was ample time for the Manager to schedule a meeting with the NRB between September 28, 2009, when we forwarded our recommendations to the City Council for the 2010 Consolidated Plan and November 4, 2009.

We were especially concerned about possible changes to our recommendations based on the discussion at the City Council workshop on October 26, 2009. NRB members who attended this workshop reported that there were comments made regarding a potential \$700,000 reallocation of HUD funds from projects recommended by the NRB to other city services and programs. This would be a significant change and we would have liked to have had a discussion with the City Manager regarding any changes to our recommendations. This is especially true when you consider the amount of time (April to November), including evenings and a Saturday, that a volunteer board has committed to development of the Plan.

Using HUD Entitlement grants for city services can be technically difficult when the regulations state that these funds cannot be used to supplant City funding or sustain maintenance of effort.

Perhaps the City Manager is in agreement with the NRB's recommendations and did not believe it was necessary to meet to discuss the Plan. Even if this is the case, a motion was passed by the Board to express our disappointment that we were not given an opportunity to discuss any changes to the Plan recommended by the City Manager. We recommend that on November 9, 2009, the City Council adopt the 2010 Consolidated Plan as recommended by the Neighborhood Revitalization Board. If the final 2010 Fiscal Year federal budget allocates additional funds over and above the current estimates and/or there are reprogramming funds available to allocate to any contemplated changes to the Plan, there will be an opportunity to fully discuss and consider any changes.


Jean Minahan, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board