

HOUSING COMMITTEE
Mayors Conference Room
June 10, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Carolyn Bloomquist and Council Members James McElrath, James Ventura

MEMBERS ABSENT: A. John Calamunci

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Shirley A. Sanfilippo, Housing Inspectors Robert Weeks and William Jones, Brooke Buesink of Cable 8 News, Joel Keefer of WKSN, John Whittaker of The Post-Journal.

Chairperson Bloomquist called the meeting to order.

Chairperson Bloomquist introduced Bill Jones, the new Housing Inspector. Councilman McElrath welcomed him. Mr. Jones reviewed his background. Mr. Weeks stated that they were pleased to have Mr. Jones and explained his duties and responsibilities to the Committee.

Chairperson Bloomquist described the conditions that she and Councilman Calamunci had witnessed in an abandoned house that they had toured with the housing inspectors. She questioned given the condition of this neighborhood whether or not this house should be rehabilitated.

The Committee discussed the possibility of doing a mini-sweep in targeted areas of the City.

Chairperson Bloomquist reviewed the progress of the sub-committee that was looking at revisions to the code regarding unlicensed vehicles. She said they would be meeting again next Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Councilman McElrath suggest that Judge LaMancuso and Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves attend the next Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the conditions of a specific house that is owned by the County and occupied by the former owner. They also questioned whether the City could bill the County for cutting the grass on the properties that had been foreclosed on.

Chairperson Bloomquist stated that was not getting the housing court list and she asked if the contractors on the Department of Development's list had housing violations. Mr. Weeks will look into the matters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC, RMC
City Clerk