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City of Des Moines Finance and Economic Development Committee
March 10, 2003; 3:35 p.m.
Community Development Conference Room

Present: Mayor Maggie Steenrod (chair)
Council Member Richard Benjamin
City Manager Tony Piasecki
Community Development Director Judith Kilgore
Finance Director Paula Henderson

Community Development Director Judith Kilgore distributed to committee members her outline for a proposed economic development policy memorandum. The outline was a follow-up to Council's request for additional information on the work tasks presented with the draft resolution for adopting an Economic Development Plan at the February 27, 2003 Council meeting. Judith discussed the contents of the outline for the policy memorandum.

Discussion followed regarding the contents of the policy memorandum to address Council's request for additional information.

Mayor Steenrod recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed to prioritize the key short-term, medium-term, and long-term work tasks. Council member Benjamin raised his concerns about delaying the economic development process further in that organization of a committee would take time. Judith felt a large time commitment would be involved with an ad hoc committee. Recommendation was to have the ad hoc committee focus on code/process changes.

City Manager Piasecki recommended that the policy memorandum present the list of work tasks, include a brief description, and be identified as short-term, medium-term, or long-term.

For the next meeting, Judith will incorporate the suggestions of the committee members into a policy memorandum for review.

Council member Benjamin requested a deadline be established for returning this topic to Council. It was recommended that it be scheduled for the last meeting in April.

Mayor Steenrod stated that she would evaluate the ad hoc committee proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Paula Henderson