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City of Des Moines Finance and Economic Development Committee
April 7, 2003; 3:00 p.m.
Community Development Conference Room

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

Community Development Director Judith Kilgore distributed the Des Moines Economic Development Action Plan Implementation Matrix along with Work Program Examples to committee members. Judith discussed the priorities, along with the process and the implementation (Work Program Examples).

Mayor Steenrod requested that the title for the "Work Program Examples" document be changed to "2003 Proposed Economic Development Initiatives". It was decided that a title along with a brief description/explanation be added to each task as a heading. Mayor Steenrod requested clarification of dates for each task and that all bullets be converted to numbers.

It was agreed by all, that a solid foundation be laid first, identifying all code that requires attention, with a recommended order of priority.

Discussion followed regarding input from the community using both Economic Development Round Table discussions and Open House formats. The Round Table format would be used for a more formal process, while the Open House format would be for informal information presentations.

A corporate philosophy of "presumption of approval" must be the goal.

For the next meeting, Judith will incorporate the suggestions of the committee members into the "2003 Proposed Economic Development Initiatives" for review. The presentation to Council will be made in May.

Committee meetings will be held on the Mondays preceding the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be on April 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Peggy Watson