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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 14, 2003**

PRESENT: Alds. Becker, Ecks, Herzog, Kopischke, Krol, Sullivan, Treis -7

EXCUSED: Ald. Heins

ALSO

PRESENT: N. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.; B. Aldana, Asst. City Atty.; T. Wontorek, City Admin.

Ald. Ecks in the Chair called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Transitional Agreement on Policing of Milwaukee Regional Medical Center

This item was held from the previous meeting to facilitate further discussion with the parties involved. In an October 9, 2003, memo to the committee, the City Attorney reported that initial discussions have identified numerous new issues that need to be addressed. He requested that the committee hold this item indefinitely pending additional discussions.

Moved by Ald. Kopischke, seconded by Ald. Treis to hold this matter indefinitely pending additional discussions with the parties involved. Ayes: 7

Proposed Amendments to Fair Housing Ordinance

Ms. Welch reported that the local HUD (Housing and Urban Development) office recently reviewed the city's compliance with the Federal Fair Housing Act and found that our ordinance covers all but familial status as a protected basis under the law. They recommended adding "familial status" to the language in Chapters 15.22.010(A) and 15.22.020 of the Code.

Moved by Ald. Treis, seconded by Ald. Becker to recommend introduction of an ordinance to add familial status as a protected basis –

Ald. Sullivan asked about the effect of the proposed change, wondering if this would prevent the construction of housing that might not allow children, such as housing that is limited to seniors. Ms. Welch said that it would prevent a landlord from discriminating against families with children. Ms. Aldana added that familial status is actually defined in the federal law. It would apply to a parent or another person having legal custody or a designee of the parent or someone having custody with permission of the parent. It is limited to a child or a minor.

Ald. Herzog said that by state law we are already protecting familial status. Senior housing is under a separate class of regulations and is not affected by familial status language. A building must have a certain number of units for age 55 and up, for example, to be able to say that no one under 55 can live there.

Vote on the motion, Ayes: 7

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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