

April 2013- Mayor's Report

I have continued to track bill HF#184 introduced by the Judiciary Committee in the Iowa House of Representatives Feb. 12 that prohibits cities from enforcing residential rental property occupancy restrictions. I know some of the council and the city attorney, Steve Ballard are tracking this bill also. This is the latest email that I received April 8th from Rep. Sally Stutsman, "I think this bill is dead. I suppose it could be brought up by leadership but I do not hear any interest to do so. I will check with Baltimore to see what his plans are. I know Hogg is the Senate said it is not on the Judicial calendar in the Senate. I will keep you posted." The latest email received April 8th from Rep. Mary Mascher states, "The bill is most likely dead for the session but we could see it attached to one of the budget bills. That has happened before. The closer we get to adjournment the less likely that is to occur." We can discuss further at Tuesday's meeting.

UH Farmer's Market update: I am continuing to research the possibility of a Farmer's Market once a month in University Heights. I have talked to the managers of Iowa City and Coralville farmer markets and they have been very helpful. I am also researching insurance and public health issues that will have to be addressed. I am hopeful that I can secure a location so our first market will be scheduled to open June 4th -the first Tuesday in June and continue to be held every first Tuesday during the summer months into the fall. Please contact me directly if you are interested in being a vendor or volunteer for a farmer's market in University Heights. (354-1433 or louise-from@university-heights.org)

March 12th – I attended the MPO-TTAC (Transportation Technical Advisory Committee). Highlights: The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and Surface Transportation Program (STP) scoring process recommendations were approved. The transit replacement plan for Coralville, Iowa City transit and UI Cambus recommendations were approved. Administration gave updates of the federal transportation legislation-MAP 21 in Iowa.

March 27th- I attended the MPO-UAPB (Urbanized Area Policy Board). Highlights: There was discussion and review of the 2009 Affordable Housing Subcommittee report in case the elected officials on the ICCSD facilities master planning committee would request information. All the recommendations from TTAC were approved.

April 2nd - I sent an email to council, city clerk and city attorney about a possible date for a **joint meeting with Johnson County Board of Supervisors**. The supervisors do this with other cities in Johnson County and don't want to leave University Heights out. The date that we can use the University Club is April 23rd at 5:30pm. I have heard from several of you, but not all, let me know before or at Tuesday's meeting if that date will work for you. This meeting can be a special council meeting or a work session.

The 2013 Metro Area Trails maps have not arrived at the city office yet. I will plan to bring some to the May meeting.