

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO CENTRAL IOWA
REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (CIRHA) BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

BACKGROUND:

At its March 22, 2011 meeting, the City Council and the Ames Housing Governing Board approved resolutions approving a 28-E intergovernmental agreement with Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA) to operate and administer the City's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program within the Ames jurisdiction. As part of the 28-E agreement, the City Council needs to authorize the Mayor to appoint a member and an alternate to represent the City on CIRHA's Board of Commissioners.

Staff would have initially recommended the Housing Coordinator as a logical choice to serve as the representative. However, the Code of Federal Regulations states that neither the Housing Authority Director nor any of its staff, contractors, or subcontractors may have any interest, direct or indirect, in connection with the tenant-based programs during the transition or for **one year** thereafter.

Therefore, it seems appropriate for Judy Parks, Assistant City Attorney, to be designated as the appointed representative and for Doug Garnett, Human Resources Officer, to be designated as the alternate until June 30, 2012.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the appointment of Judy Parks, Assistant City Attorney, as the primary Board Member representative and Doug Garnett, Human Resource Officer, as the alternate to the CIRHA Board of Commissioners.
2. The City Council can choose to not approve these individuals to the CIRHA Board of Commissioners.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Given the one year prohibition from appointing the City's Housing Coordinator to CIRHA's Board of Commissioners, it is appropriate to designate two other individuals to the Board.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby approving the appointment of Judy Parks, Assistant City Attorney, as the primary Board Member representative, and Doug Garnett, Human Resource Officer, as the alternate to the CIHRA Board of Commissioners.