

CITY OF MADISON
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To: CDA Housing Subcommittee and CDA Board
From: Agustin Olvera, Housing Operations
Subject: August Director's Report/Monthly Report Narrative

Public Housing – The CDA finished 2008 with a 4.8% vacancy rate. For the month of July 2009 the vacancy rate was at 4.1% or 36 units. The goal is a 3% vacancy rate, or 26 units. YTD the vacancy rate is 4%. Delinquencies are below the 10% benchmark.

Section 8 –We received notice that HUD has allocated additional funding to try and meet the shortfall of Housing Authorities' Sec 8 programs around the country. The CDA has been informed it could apply for \$600,000 to meet its shortfall, estimated at approximately \$578,000. Staff has also been working with Common Council Members to adopt an ordinance revising the Housing Trust Fund to provide up to \$400,000 in assistance. This may not be necessary with the additional HUD funding. If notice received from HUD prior to Common Council consideration of the Trust Fund money, the Ordinance Revision will be placed on file.

Resolution 2885 Romnes Office Remodeling – Expansion and Remodeling of Management Office

Resolution 2886 Installation of Smoke Detectors (Brittingham and Parkside Hi Rise) – Replacement of existing and addition of new detectors to meet City requirements.

Resolution 2887 Sidewalk, Landscaping & Lighting Improvements – Replacement of old timbers, regrading sidewalk replacement and lighting improvements.

Resolution 2888 Installation of Smoke Detectors (units less than 5 stories) Replacement of existing and addition of new detectors to meet City requirements.

Resolution 2889 Deprogramming a unit at Romnes apartments for the Romnes office remodel-expansion.

Veterans Assistance – No word yet on award.

Family Unification Vouchers – Notice of Award for 50 new vouchers received, we are awaiting a HUD Contract Amendment. In the meantime, CDA staff, DCHA and Dane County Human Services are meeting to develop procedures for the use of the vouchers for families involved in the County Foster Care program who need housing assistance. The vouchers are to help keep families together. The CDA and DCHA were awarded 50 vouchers each. Both will work closely with each other and Dane County Human Services in the administration of this program.