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Mayor Guinta announces formation of housing task force to develop strategic plan for future

MANCHESTER (*April 6, 2008*) – Manchester Mayor Frank Guinta has named nine city department heads and prominent business leaders to a task force to address housing concerns in the city. The committee will begin meeting in mid-April and will produce a report by early-summer.

“One of my goals as Manchester Mayor is to oversee the renewal of our neighborhoods. That is what I did with the formation of the NET team and to help renew the Rimmon Heights neighborhood,” Guinta said. “Three of the next goals is to analyze the city’s current housing stock, develop a strategic plan for how we spend city funds on housing and to bring the various local players together to develop this plan. This is what this task force will achieve.”

The first meeting of this task force will be in mid-April and will meet as needed until early-summer, at which time the task force will release a report. This report will help guide the city on the best ways it should spend funds in regards to housing. In addition, it will provide a blueprint for private industry involved in housing to help improve the city’s redevelopment efforts.

The committee will consist of the following individuals:

Robert MacKenzie: Former Planning Director – City of Manchester

William Sanders: Finance Officer; Finance Department – City of Manchester

Robert Tourigny: Executive Director; NeighborWorks Greater Manchester

Ron Dupont: President; Red Oak Property Management

Sgt. Kevin Kincaid: Community Policing Unit/NET; Police Department – City of Manchester

Mike Skelton: Director of Economic Development and Advocacy; Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

Linda Tremblay: Vice President; Citizens Bank New Hampshire

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