

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-467
SEPTEMBER 22, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF WOODLAND HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) recommends that the conditions for the Woodland Heights Neighborhood's Charter classification be modified to extend Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) lending to additional areas and to allow for an additional six months of lending until March 31, 1997.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Extends the time frame and the areas of the Woodland Heights Neighborhood eligible for NFC funding.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the NRB's recommendations, effective immediately.

BACKGROUND —

In February, 1990, the City Council initiated the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). At this time, four neighborhoods were designated: Capitol East, Beaverdale, North Park, and Columbus Park. Subsequently, 12 neighborhoods have been added: Woodland Heights (1991), River Bend (1991), Union Park (1992), Chautauqua Park (1992), ACCENT (1992), Capitol Park (1994), Highland Park (1994), and Carpenter/Drake Park (1994). In December of 1993, Beaverdale, Columbus Park, and Chautauqua Park were removed from designation. The most recent designation occurred in 1997 with the addition of North of Grand, Sherman Hill, Fairground, and Gray's Woods neighborhoods.

By participating in the NRP, a neighborhood organization has the opportunity for the development of a Neighborhood Action Plan, participation in NFC programs, and special consideration in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) funding process.

Staff from the Neighborhood Development Division of the City's Community Development Department prepared a report entitled Action Plan Implementation Activities in the Designated Neighborhoods. City staff and the Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) reviewed the report with the evaluated neighborhoods. The NFC reviewed the report and commented on the level of activities required to implement the outstanding activities.

At the June 19, 1996 meeting of the NAB, it was recommended that Woodland Heights, Union Park, and ACCENT be reclassified to the Charter designation with the conditions outlined in Exhibit A (attached to roll call). The City Council, on July 22, 1996, approved the reclassification of the

Woodland Heights and Union Park neighborhoods from the Designated classification to the Charter classification.

The Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association requested the time frame for NFC lending in the neighborhood be extended until March 31, 1997, and that the eligible areas be expanded to the homeowners in the eastern section of the neighborhood. This request was made because of a resurgence of interest in NFC programs by new homeowners and residents in these areas. The neighborhood feels that they can further their revitalization efforts by allowing these new residents to take advantage of NFC programs.

The NRB approved, at their September 10, 1997 meeting, a recommendation that the conditions for the reclassification of the Woodland Heights neighborhood be modified as outlined in Exhibit B (attached to roll call).