



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-417

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:

Approval of amendment to the recognized boundaries of the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

FISCAL IMPACT —

SUBJECT:

None.

APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT TO
RECOGNIZED
BOUNDARIES OF
THE SHERMAN
HILL
NEIGHBORHOOD

RECOMMENDATION —

Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the recognized boundaries of the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association as approved by the Neighborhood Revitalization Board.

TYPE:

BACKGROUND —

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

The City of Des Moines Neighborhood Recognition Policy was approved by the City Council on May 24, 1993, and was amended on June 16, 1997.

SUBMITTED BY:

The Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association, who requested recognition, was approved by the Neighborhood Advisory Board, and received official recognition by the City Council on November 8, 1993.

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

The Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association has requested that its recognized boundaries be amended and expanded to extend to School Street on the north and Ingersoll Avenue on the south.

The Sherman Hill Neighborhood was selected to participate in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program as a designated neighborhood in 1997. The action planning process, that the

neighborhood is currently undergoing, identified the need to expand the neighborhood's boundaries to include the areas immediately to the north and south of the neighborhood. The expansion areas have a significant impact on the Sherman Hill Neighborhood. The residents and property owners of both the existing Sherman Hill area and the new areas will benefit by these boundary changes.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) approved this request based on the following rationale:

- The Sherman Hill Association has notified property owners of this request. To date, staff is unaware of any objections to this proposal.
- The expansion eliminates 'islands' of unrepresented residents and property owners between Ingersoll and Woodland Avenues and Crocker and School Streets.
- The Neighborhood Recognition Policy encourages neighborhoods to include businesses, churches, and other entities as part of their neighborhood organization. This expansion brings additional commercial and service areas and Edmunds Academy into the neighborhood.
- Proposed projects in the Central Business District and along Interstate-235 will play a significant role in the revitalization of Sherman Hill. Including these areas in the Sherman Hill Neighborhood provides the residents of the area with a greater opportunity to impact the planning and implementation of these projects.

The NRB, at their meeting on September 2, 1998, recommended that the amendment to the boundaries of the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association be approved.