



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-340

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Formal recognition of the Lower Beaver Neighborhood Association according to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

JULY 24, 2000

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

None.

RECOGNITION OF
LOWER BEAVER
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

TYPE:

BACKGROUND -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

The City of Des Moines Neighborhood Recognition Policy provides the opportunity for the City to officially recognize neighborhoods and their organizations located within the City. The Lower Beaver Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition.

SUBMITTED BY:

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COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

This application was recommended for approval by the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) at their meeting on July 5, 2000. In accordance with the Policy, each recognized neighborhood and its organization will receive a proclamation from the Mayor and the City Council.

On May 24, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-2026, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Recognition Policy as recommended by the Neighborhood Advisory Board, which is now the NRB. The intent of this policy is to assist citizens of Des Moines that share common identity, goals and concerns to form an organization that will be formally recognized by city government boards, committees and councils and will act as an advisory body when dealing with decisions made by the City and its entities. The policy wishes to

recognize the fact that the long term stability of a neighborhood depends on the existence of strong neighborhood based organizations able to demonstrate broad grass roots participation and the ability to provide leadership and command respect in working with the City and other public and private interests.

Organizations who wish to become recognized must submit the following information: 1) official name of organization, 2) detailed neighborhood boundaries, 3) a list of the organization's representatives with their addresses and telephone numbers, 4) the location and time of their membership meetings, and 5) a copy of the organization's bylaws. The Lower Beaver Neighborhood Association has completed an application and is now eligible for official recognition.

According to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy, "Upon official recognition of a neighborhood organization by the City Council, the Mayor shall formally proclaim the recognized neighborhood as an important entity to be utilized by the Council in seeking direction on actions which effects the identified neighborhood and the City will also seek additional coverage through other press releases." In addition, "Whenever mailed notices to adjoining property owners is required by law or by City ordinance or policy, the City will reasonably attempt to also provide notice to any effected neighborhood organizations."