CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

03-213

AGENDA:

MAY 5, 2003

SUBJECT:

REMOVAL OF THE CAPITOL VIEW SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FROM THE LIST OF RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOODS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

Removal of Capitol View South Neighborhood Association from the list of recognized neighborhoods.

FISCAL IMPACT —

None.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

On May 24, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-2026, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. This policy sets guidelines for the formal recognition of neighborhood associations by the City. This formal relationship makes it possible for recognized neighborhoods to act as advisor to the City on issues impacting their neighborhoods.

Neighborhood organizations must meet the requirements of the Neighborhood Recognition Policy to become and maintain recognition by the City. This includes submitting a variety of information annually. To facilitate this requirement, the Community Development Department, with the oversight of the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB), conducts an annual survey of the neighborhoods. This year's survey was mailed January 7, 2003 and was due February 7, 2003.

At the March 5, 2003 NRB meeting, staff reported on the results of the survey. At the time, 18 neighborhoods had not responded. In order to facilitate the process, NRB members volunteered to contact these neighborhoods. The NRB and staff felt board members would get a better response than staff because of their rapport with neighborhoods as community activists.

Staff reported to the NRB on April 16, 2003 that 50 of the 51 recognized neighborhoods had submitted completed surveys. The remaining neighborhood, Capitol View South informed staff that they had not been meeting and that they were no longer interested in being a recognized neighborhood. The NRB voted to forward a recommendation to Council that

		Neighborhood	Association	no	longer	be	formally
recognized by	the City a	s requested.					