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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

### **City Manager's Office**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Agenda Date: 01/23/06  
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Roll Call No.:

Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community Development Director

#### **SUBJECT—**

Recognition of Hillsboro Neighborhood Association.

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

The action grants formal recognition of the Hillsboro Neighborhood Association according to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. This neighborhood is located in the extreme southeast corner of the City, and a map of the boundaries is included in the Council packet and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

None

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

#### **BACKGROUND—**

The City Council approved the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Recognition Policy on May 24, 1993 by Roll Call No. 93-2026. The intent of this policy is to assist citizens of Des Moines sharing common identity, goals, and concerns to form an organization which 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 recognizes the fact that the long-term stability of a neighborhood depends on the existence of strong neighborhood-based organizations that can demonstrate broad, grassroots participation, provide leadership, and command respect in working with the City and other public and private interests.

Organizations that 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 membership meetings, and 5) a copy of the organization's bylaws. The Hillsboro Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition. At their meeting on January 11, 2006, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board recommended this application for approval. In accordance with the Policy, once recognized, the Hillsboro Neighborhood Association would receive a proclamation from the Mayor and the City Council.