



# Council Communication

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## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Recognition of the Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to grant formal recognition of the Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association according to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. The Pioneer Park Neighborhood is bounded on the west by SE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, on the east by SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, on the north by Hartford Avenue and on the south by Evergreen Avenue.

## FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines 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 who share common identity, goals, and concerns with forming a neighborhood organization. Each neighborhood association is 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 (1) the existence of strong neighborhood-based organizations that are able to demonstrate broad, grassroots participation and (2) the ability to provide leadership and command respect in working with the City and other public and private interests.

In order to implement this policy, staff developed a strategy that consisted of providing information about the policy and requesting information from the neighborhood organizations. 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 address and telephone number, 4) the location and time of their membership meetings, and 5) a copy of the organization's bylaws.

The Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition. At their meeting on September 5, 2007, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board recommended this application for approval. In accordance with the Policy, each recognized neighborhood organization would receive a proclamation from the Mayor and the City Council.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: September 5, 2007

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: The Neighborhood Revitalization Board recommended approval to formally recognize the Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**