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Agenda Item No.	16
Roll Call No.	<u>08-</u>
Communication No.	<u>08-279</u>
Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community Development Director	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Recognition of the Fairground Neighborhood Association.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of formal recognition of the Fairground Neighborhood Association according to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

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 Des Moines citizens who share a 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 seeks to recognize the fact that the long-term stability of a neighborhood depends on the existence of strong neighborhood-based organizations able to promote broad, grassroots participation and their ability to provide leadership and command respect in working with the City and other public and private interests.

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

This area was previously recognized as the Fairground Neighbors for Community Improvement (FNCI). On March 24, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08-481, the Des Moines City Council removed FNCI from the list of Recognized Neighborhood Associations after FNCI failed to comply with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

The Fairground Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition. At its meeting on May 7, 2008, 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):

Date: March 24, 2008

Roll Call: 08-481

Action: [Recommendation](#) from Neighborhood Revitalization Board regarding removal of Fairground Neighbors for Community Improvement from list of Recognized Neighborhood Associations. ([Council Communication No. 08-142](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 28, 2008

Roll Call: 08-150

Action: [Recommendations](#) from Neighborhood Revitalization Board regarding Fairground Neighborhood mediation. ([Council Communication No. 08-044](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 19, 2007

Roll Call: 07-2227

Action: [Request](#) from Council Member Brian Meyer to speak regarding the Fairground Neighborhood Association. Moved by Meyer to receive and file the petition and comments, and refer the matter to the Neighborhood Revitalization Board to mediate the dispute between the two groups. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: May 7, 2008

Roll Call: N/A

Action: Recommended approval to formally recognize the Fairground Neighborhood Association.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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