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Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community
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AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Recommendation from the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) Regarding Removal of Garton West Neighborhood Association from the List of Recognized Neighborhood Associations.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of recommendation from the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) for removal of Garton West Neighborhood Association from the list of Recognized Neighborhood Associations. Garton West did not return the 2008 Annual Neighborhood Survey. When contacted by staff regarding the survey, the neighborhood group indicated that they are no longer active and no longer wish to be a Recognized Neighborhood.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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 of Des Moines. 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 receive and maintain recognition by the City of Des Moines. This includes submitting a variety of information annually, including the current list of neighborhood leadership and minutes from the neighborhood's annual meeting. 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 February 6, 2008, and was due March 3, 2008.

Fifty of the fifty-one Recognized Neighborhoods responded to the survey. No response was received from the Garton West Neighborhood Association. Staff has been in contact with Jerry Overman and Dusty Isaacson, former officers of the group, who indicated that the neighborhood association is no longer active and no longer interested in being a Recognized Neighborhood. In accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy, the NRB voted on May 7, 2008, to forward a recommendation to City

Council that the City of Des Moines no longer formally recognize the Garton West Neighborhood Association.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 5, 1995

Roll Call: 95-2191

Action: Resolution approving that the Garton West Neighborhood Association receive official recognition from the City Council. Moved by McPherson to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.

Date: May 24, 1993

Roll Call: 93-2026

Action: Resolution approving the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: March 7, 2008

Roll Call: N/A

Action: Recommended that the City no longer formally recognize the Garton West Neighborhood Association.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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