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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <b>14</b> <b>Roll Call No.</b> <b><u>10-</u></b> <b>Communication No.</b> <b><u>10-061</u></b> <b>Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community</b> <b>Development Director</b>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Recognition of the Gray’s Woods Neighborhood Association.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Formal recognition of the Gray’s Woods 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 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 wishes to recognize the fact that the long term stability of a neighborhood depends on the existence of strong neighborhood based organizations able to demonstrate broad, grassroots participation and 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, Planning Staff developed a strategy that consisted of providing information about the policy and requested 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.

The Gray’s Woods Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition. Their neighborhood boundaries include E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street on the west, Easton Boulevard on the north, E. University Avenue on the south, and the Des Moines city limits on the east.

At their meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 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: January 20, 1997

Roll Call: 97-218

Action: Official recognition of the Gray's Woods Neighborhood Association – boundaries are University, East City Limits, Easton, and E. 33rd.

Date: June 8, 2009

Roll Call: 09-975

Action: Approving recommendation from Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) regarding removal of the Gray's Woods Neighborhood Association from the list of recognized neighborhood associations. (Council Communication No. 09-363) Moved by Vlassis to adopt as amended; retaining Kirkwood Glen Neighborhood Association. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): Neighborhood Revitalization Board**

Date: February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

Roll Call: N/A

Action: Recommended approval to formally recognize the Gray's Woods Neighborhood Association.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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