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	Agenda Item No. 13 Roll Call No. <u>10-1126</u> Communication No. <u>10-437</u> Submitted by: Phil Delafield, Acting Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Recognition of the River Woods Neighborhood Association.

SYNOPSIS:

Formal recognition of the River 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 River Woods Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition. Their neighborhood boundaries include SE 22nd Street on the west, Hartford Ave on the north, E Watrous Ave on the south, and SE 30th Street on the east. See the attached map for details. The River Woods

neighborhood is adjacent to the Pioneer Park, Ewing-Woods Evergreen, and Easter Lake Area neighborhoods.

The River Woods Neighborhood Association meets on the last Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Evergreen Church of Christ. Officers of the Association include Tim Fitzgerald, Chair; Denise Benda, Secretary; Scott & Nadine Rich; Dan Blom; and Rick Garneau, Jr.

At their meeting on July 7, 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): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: July 7, 2010

Roll Call: N/A

Action: Recommended approval to formally recognize the River Woods Neighborhood Association.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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