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	Agenda Item No.	17
	Roll Call No.	<u>15-1503</u>
	Communication No.	<u>15-481</u>
	Submitted by:	Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Merger of the Prospect Park and Martin-Hickman Neighborhood Associations.

SYNOPSIS:

Formal approval of the merger between the Prospect Park and Martin-Hickman Neighborhood Associations as a single Recognized neighborhood association, maintaining the name of “Prospect Park.”

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 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 Prospect Park Neighborhood Association and the Martin-Hickman Neighborhood Association were each formally recognized in 2009. Prospect Park Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition of the new merged neighborhood. Both associations have formally approved the merger in their respective neighborhood meetings.

The new Prospect Park neighborhood boundaries include Hickman Road on the south, 30th Street to the west, Douglas Avenue on the north, and the Des Moines River on the east.

The Prospect Park Neighborhood Association meets on the third Sunday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at Freedom for Youth, 2301 Hickman Road. Officers of the Association include: Karen Tigges, President; Heidi Hammand, Vice President; Mary Ann Lamb, Treasurer; and Tamara Jones, Secretary.

At their meeting on September 2, 2015 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 23, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-0462](#)

Action: [Recognition](#) of Martin-Hickman Neighborhood Association, vicinity of M. L. King and Hickman. ([Council Communication No. 09-183](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2.

Date: August 10, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1437](#)

Action: [Recognition](#) of the Prospect Park Neighborhood Association. ([Council Communication No. 09-557](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: September 2, 2015

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Recommended approval of the merger between the Prospect Park and Martin-Hickman neighborhood associations.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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