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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 17 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>17-1461</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>17-607</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Phillip Delafield, <b>Community Development Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Recognize Watrous Heights Neighborhood in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Formal recognition of the Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

**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 Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition. The boundaries for the proposed neighborhood include S. W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Watrous Avenue and McKinley Avenue on the west, S. Union Street from Watrous Avenue to McKinley Avenue on the east, Watrous Avenue between S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street and S. Union Street on the north, and McKinley Avenue between S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Union Street on the south. The proposed neighborhood boundaries match up with the Watrous South neighborhood to the west, Fort Des Moines neighborhood to the south and Magnolia Park neighborhood to the east.

- On August 2, 2017, 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):**

Board: Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: August 2, 2017

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Recommended approval to formally recognize the Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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