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	Agenda Item No. 15 Roll Call No. <u>18-1061</u> Communication No. <u>18-318</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution to move Gray’s Lake Neighborhood from designated to charter status in accordance with the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

SYNOPSIS:

The Gray’s Lake Neighborhood has successfully achieved a majority of identified goals in its updated Neighborhood Plan. The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) and staff recommend that the Gray’s Lake Neighborhood be graduated from designated to charter status effective immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In November 2011, the City of Des Moines selected Gray’s Lake Neighborhood Association (GLNA) to participate in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.
- The GLNA completed the neighborhood planning process with technical assistance and planning coordination provided by the City of Des Moines’ Neighborhood Development Division.



- The planning process involved an intensive public engagement process. The process identified the following five (5) priority areas for the GLNA to address over the next five (5) to 10 years.
 - 1) Housing
 - 2) Infrastructure
 - 3) Land Use and Zoning/SW 9th Street Corridor
 - 4) Parks, Trails and Sidewalks
 - 5) Traffic and Transportation
 - 6) Schools
- These goals were intended to build on GLNA's strengths, address its challenges, and build on opportunities that are likely to present themselves over the next several years. On June 24, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-0978, the City Council approved the Grays Lake Neighborhood Plan and adopted the plan as an element of the Des Moines' 2020 Community Character Plan.
- Gray's Lake Neighborhood has since taken specific steps to implement the goals of the updated plan. Some of these actions include funding through the City's Neighborhood Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program (NIRP), planning of the MacRae Park overlook and improvements and increased activities from groups like Rebuilding Together. The Neighborhood Finance Corporation has provided repayable loans worth \$3 million, with approximately \$450,000 in subsidy between 2013-2017. SW 9th Street was identified as a key commercial corridor in the plan. Some of the spin-off projects from the corridor include the creation of 'Friends of SW 9th' to assist with revitalization of the SW 9th commercial corridor, plaza at Bell Avenue and façade improvement program.
- The City and GLNA believe that the neighborhood has successfully achieved most of the goals identified in the plan. The Gray's Lake Neighborhood Association has been successful in taking ownership of the neighborhood plan and implemented key action steps.
- Staff believes that the neighborhood is now capable of implementing the plan with less support from the City and recommends graduation of the Gray's Lake Neighborhood to charter status.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 24, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-0977](#) and [13-0978](#)

Action: Items regarding request from the Neighborhood Revitalization Board to amend the Des Moines' 2020 Community Character Plan to incorporate the Gray's Lake Neighborhood Plan as an element:

- (A) [Approving](#) the Plan. ([Council Communication No. 13-308](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Communication](#) from Plan and Zoning Commission. Moved by Hensley to approve the proposed amendment. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 21, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1964](#)

Action: [Approving](#) designating three new neighborhoods to be included in the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program: Grays Lake, Lower Beaver, and Martin Luther King Jr. Park. ([Council Communication No. 11-700](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Date: June 6, 2018

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Approved staff recommendation to move Gray's Lake Neighborhood from designated to charter status in accordance with the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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