


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	22-520	Meeting:	November 21, 2022
	Agenda Item:	19	Roll Call:	22-1789
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approve merger of the Fort Des Moines Neighborhood Association, Magnolia Park Neighborhood Association, and South Park Neighborhood Association in accordance with the City's Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

SYNOPSIS:

The Fort Des Moines Neighborhood Association, Magnolia Park Neighborhood Association, and South Park Neighborhood Association request approval of a merger and creation of a new neighborhood association named the South Central DSM Neighborhood Association.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

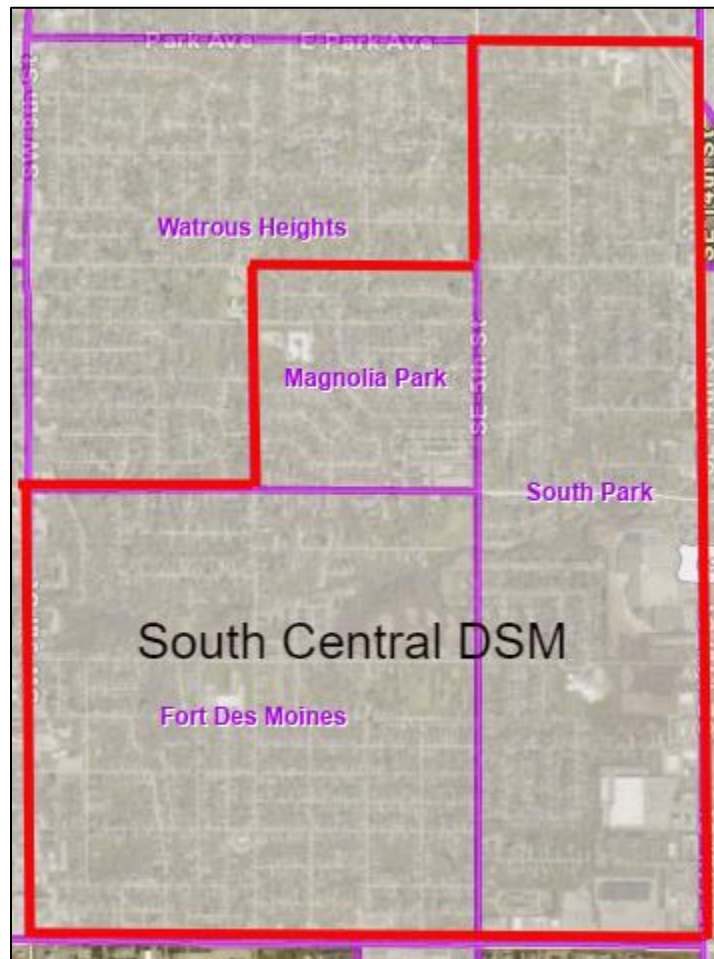
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Existing boundary area for the Fort Des Moines Neighborhood Association is:
 - North: East McKinley Avenue
 - South: Army Post Road
 - East: SE 5th Street
 - West: SW 9th Street

- Existing boundary area for the Magnolia Park Neighborhood Association is:
 - North: East Watrous Avenue
 - South: East McKinley Avenue
 - East: SE 5th Street
 - West: South Union Street

- Existing boundary area for the South Park Neighborhood Association is:
 - North: Park Avenue
 - South: Army Post Road
 - East: SE 14th Street
 - West: SE 5th Street

- Proposed boundary of the South Central DSM Neighborhood Association to include (see map below):
 - North:
 - East Park Avenue between SE 14th Street and SE 5th Street as one-third of the northern boundary
 - East Watrous Avenue between SE 5th Street and South Union Street as one-third of the northern boundary
 - East McKinley Avenue between South Union and SW 9th Street as one-third of the northern boundary
 - South:
 - Army Post Road between SE 14th Street and SW 9th Street to the south
 - East:
 - SE 14th Street between East Park Avenue and Army Post Road to the east
 - West:
 - SE 5th Street between East Park Avenue and East Watrous Avenue as one-quarter of the western boundary
 - South Union between East Watrous and East McKinley Avenue as one-quarter of the western boundary
 - SW 9th Street between East McKinley Avenue and Army Post Road as one-half of the western boundary



- Since April 2022, a Transition Board consisting of nine (9) neighborhood leaders representing the Fort Des Moines Neighborhood Association, Magnolia Park Neighborhood Association, and South Park Neighborhood Association held monthly meetings to develop:
 - A merger agreement
 - Bylaws
 - Initial slate officers and directors
 - Outline strategic planning initiatives
 - Determine membership structure and dues
 - Create marketing and communication strategies
- The proposed merger of the South Central DSM Neighborhood Association followed procedures in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.
- The inaugural meeting of the South Central DSM Neighborhood Association is planned for March 21, 2023, at the south side senior center. During this meeting, residents will vote to approve the slate of officers and directors and bylaws.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 12, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-0500](#)

Action: [Recognition](#) of the Fort Des Moines Neighborhood Association in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. ([Council Communication No. 10-178](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion carried 7–0.

Date: November 8, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-2377

Action: Approving South Park Neighborhood Association’s request to extend southern boundary. ([Council Communication No. 04-575](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion carried 7–0.

Date: August 6, 2001

Roll Call Number: 01-2398

Action: Approving formal recognition of South Park Neighborhood Association according to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. ([Council Communication 01-399](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion carried 7–0.

Date: February 15, 1999

Roll Call Number: 99-407

Action: Approving formal recognition of Magnolia Park Neighborhood Association according to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. Moved by Belken to adopt. Motion carried 6–1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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