

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-434	Meeting:	November 4, 2024
	Agenda Item:	15	Roll Call:	24-1501
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approve merger of the Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association and Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

SYNOPSIS:

The Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association and Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association request approval of a merger and creation of a new neighborhood association that retains the name of Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Existing boundary area for the Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association is:
 - North: Indianola Avenue/Evergreen Avenue/E. Watrous Avenue
 - South: E. County Line Road
 - East: SE 45th Street
 - West: SE 14th Street

- Existing boundary area for the Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association is:
 - North: Hartford Avenue
 - South: Indianola Avenue/Evergreen Avenue
 - East: SE 22nd Street
 - West: SE 14th Street

- Proposed boundary of the Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association to include (see map):
 - North:
 - Hartford Avenue between SE 14th Street and SE 22nd Street

- South:
 - E County Line Road between SE 14th Street and SE 45th Street
- East:
 - SE 22nd Street between Hartford Avenue and Evergreen Avenue
 - SE 21st Court between Evergreen Avenue and E. Watrous Avenue
 - SE 45th Street between E. Watrous Avenue and E. County Line Road
- West:
 - SE 14th Street between Hartford Avenue and E. County Line Road



- Since January 2024, a Transition Board consisting of six (6) neighborhood leaders representing the Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association and Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association met regularly to develop a merger agreement, bylaws, and an initial slate of officers; determine membership structure and dues; and create communication strategies.
- The inaugural meeting of the merged Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association is January 20, 2025, at the Easter Lake Event Center. During this meeting, residents will vote to approve the board of directors and bylaws.

- Following the January 20, 2025, meeting the newly elected officers will participate in facilitated priority/strategic planning.
- The proposed merger followed the procedures in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.
- The Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association was originally recognized as the Allen/Bloomfield Neighborhood Association on May 16, 1994. On April 2, 2007, the association voted to change its name to Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association. This name change was approved in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy and did not require action by the City Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 19, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1144](#)

Action: [Approve](#) expansion of the Easter Lake Area Neighborhood boundaries in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. ([Council Communication No. 24-336](#)) Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Coleman. Motion carried 7–0.

Date: September 10, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1714](#)

Action: [Recognition](#) of Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association. ([Council Communication No. 07-562](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 16, 1994

Roll Call Number: 94-1796

Action: Recognition of the Allen/Bloomfield Township Neighborhood Association. Moved by McPherson to adopt. Motion carried 7–0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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