COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Number:	**25-236**	Meeting:	**June 9, 2025**
Agenda Item:	**17**	Roll Call:	**25-0818**
Submitted by:	**Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Recertification of recognized neighborhood associations, 2025–2026.

SYNOPSIS:

As part of the City's Neighborhood Recognition Policy, the City recertifies recognized neighborhood associations that have submitted the Annual Application for Recertification and are following the requirements of the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Annual Application for Recertification was distributed on March 1, 2025. Reminders were distributed in April and May 2025. The following neighborhoods demonstrated good standing and met the requirements of the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. Staff recommends Council recertify the following 43 neighborhood associations for the period of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

1. ACCENT
2. Beaverdale
3. Brook Run
4. Capitol Park
5. Chautauqua Park
6. Cheatom Park
7. Douglas Acres
8. Downtown Des Moines
9. Drake
10. Easter Lake Area
11. Fairground
12. Fairmont Park
13. Good Park
14. Gray's Lake
15. Gray's Woods
16. Highland Park/Oak Park
17. Historic East Village
18. Indianola Hills
19. Ingersoll Park
20. King Irving
21. Linden Heights
22. Lower Beaver
23. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
24. McKinley School/Columbus Park
25. Merle Hay
26. Mondamin Presidential
27. North of Grand
28. Prospect Park
29. River Bend
30. River Woods
31. Salisbury Oaks
32. Sherman Hill
33. South Central DSM
34. Southwestern Hills
35. Union Park
36. Valley High Manor
37. Waterbury
38. Watrous Heights

39. Watrous South
40. Waveland Park
41. Waveland Woods
42. Westwood
43. Woodland Heights

- Staff recommends Council conditionally recertify the following three (3) neighborhood associations, contingent upon meeting the specified requirements of the Neighborhood Recognition Policy by March 30, 2026, the deadline for the 2026–2027 Annual Application for Recertification.
  1. Capitol East: A bank account established in the name of the neighborhood association with a minimum of two (2) signers on the account.
  2. Greenwood Historic: Hold a minimum of four (4) meetings in calendar year 2025.
  3. Sheridan Gardens: Submit minutes from the organization's annual meeting or one (1) regular meeting.

- Resources are available to assist these neighborhood associations in meeting the Neighborhood Recognition Policy standards by the March 30, 2026, deadline.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 17, 2024

Roll Call Number: 24-0855

Action: Recertification of Recognized Neighborhoods for 2024–2025. (Council Communication No. 24-256) Moved by Gatto. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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