

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>25-352</b>	Meeting:	<b>September 29, 2025</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>18-I</b>	Roll Call:	<b>25-1280</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Sixty (60) day notice of loss of Neighborhood Recognition status for the Prospect Park Neighborhood Association as efforts are underway to identify new leadership.

### SYNOPSIS:

The Prospect Park Neighborhood Association's board of directors has requested derecognition, stating that the Association no longer wishes to be a Recognized Neighborhood and is no longer holding regular meetings. Derecognition is recommended effective November 28, 2025, providing leaders with a 60-day grace period to identify new leadership and explore merger options.

### FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Prospect Park Neighborhood Association became a Recognized Neighborhood on August 10, 2009.
- Prospect Park Neighborhood Association boundaries are:
  - North: Douglas Avenue/Euclid Avenue between 30th Street and the Des Moines River
  - South: Hickman Road between 30th Street and the Des Moines River
  - East: The Des Moines River between Euclid Avenue and Hickman Road
  - West: 30th Street between Douglas Avenue and Hickman Road
- The Prospect Park Neighborhood Association board voted to cease holding meetings in July 2025 due to declining meeting attendance and volunteer capacity.
- The Prospect Park Neighborhood Association board requested to be removed as a Recognized Neighborhood in August 2025.
- Councilmember Coleman will lead public meetings to identify new leadership and explore merger options with neighboring neighborhood associations. A public meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Vineyard Church, 2332 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310. This is the current location for the Prospect Park Neighborhood Association meetings.

- If neither new leadership nor a merger plan is identified by the November 28, 2025, deadline, the Prospect Park Neighborhood Association will be removed from the list of Recognized neighborhood associations.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 10, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1437](#)

Action: Recognition of the Prospect Park Neighborhood Association. ([Council Communication No. 09-557](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion carried 7–0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

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