

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-195	Meeting:	June 8, 2026
	Agenda Item:	17	Roll Call:	26-0661
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Recertification of recognized neighborhood associations, 2026–2027

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 outlined in the Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Annual Application for Recertification was distributed on February 27, 2026. Reminders were distributed in April and May 2026. The following neighborhoods demonstrated good standing and met the requirements of the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. Staff recommends Council recertify the following 44 neighborhood associations for the period of July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027.

1. ACCENT
2. Beaverville
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. Sheridan Gardens
33. Sherman Hill
34. South Central DSM
35. Southwestern Hills
36. Union Park
37. Valley High Manor
38. Waterbury

39. Watrous Heights
40. Watrous South
41. Waveland Park
42. Waveland Woods

43. Westwood
44. Woodland Heights

- Staff recommends Council conditionally recertify the following two (2) neighborhood associations, contingent upon either meeting the specified requirements of the Neighborhood Recognition Policy or exploring mergers with adjacent neighborhood associations by March 30, 2027, the deadline for the 2027–2028 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. Capitol East will explore merging with an adjacent neighborhood association.
 2. Greenwood Historic: Hold a minimum of four (4) meetings in calendar year 2026. Greenwood Historic will explore merging with an adjacent neighborhood association.
- Staff will facilitate separate conversations with Capitol East and an adjacent neighborhood association and with Greenwood Historic and an adjacent neighborhood association by the March 30, 2027 deadline.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 9, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0818](#)

Action: [Recertification](#) of Recognized Neighborhoods for 2026–2027. ([Council Communication No. 25-236](#)) Moved by Gatto. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7–0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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