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Date April 26, 2010

RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC EAST VILLAGE, INC.

WHEREAS, the Des Moines City Council approved the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Recognition Policy on May 24, 1993 by Roll Call No. 93-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department with the guidance of the Neighborhood Revitalization Board implemented this policy by sending a written notice of the policy to neighborhood groups and announcing the Policy on Citicable; and

WHEREAS, a list of the neighborhood groups who requested recognition was compiled, approved by the Neighborhood Revitalization Board, and these neighborhood groups received official recognition by the City Council on November 8, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the East Village Neighborhood Association and the Historic East Village, Inc. have stated their intent to merge and do business going forward as the Historic East Village, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Historic East Village, Inc. has completed an application for recognition stating that their boundaries include the Des Moines River on the west, Interstate 235 on the north, the Des Moines River on the south, and E 14th Street on the east, as more specifically shown on the accompanying map; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board has advised in the accompanying communication (Attachment A) that at their meeting on April 7th, 2010 the Board voted to recommend approval of this application; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Historic East Village, Inc. is hereby designated as a recognized neighborhood association for the City of Des Moines.

(Council Communication Number 10 - 210)

FORM APPROVED:

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

Michael F. Kelley, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

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NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD

April 20, 2010

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

RE: Historic East Village, Inc. Neighborhood Recognition

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) is pleased to forward this recommendation that Historic East Village, Inc. (HEV) become a Recognized Neighborhood in accordance with the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

The NRB considered this matter at our regularly scheduled meeting on April 7, 2010, and met with several representatives of HEV. As you know, East Village Neighborhood Association was designated as a Recognized Neighborhood in 1999. In 2003, a second group, Historic East Village, Inc., incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to promote and improve the area.

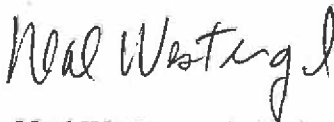
At this time, the NRB has been notified by the president of the East Village Neighborhood Association of the group's intent to dissolve and to then become a part of HEV. This merger of the two groups will result in a single organization to represent the neighborhood going forward.

Historic East Village, Inc presents a somewhat different organizational model than our more traditional neighborhood associations. However, after discussion with representatives of HEV, the NRB concurs with staff opinion that the organization's intent is to promote and improve the neighborhood for both businesses and residents.

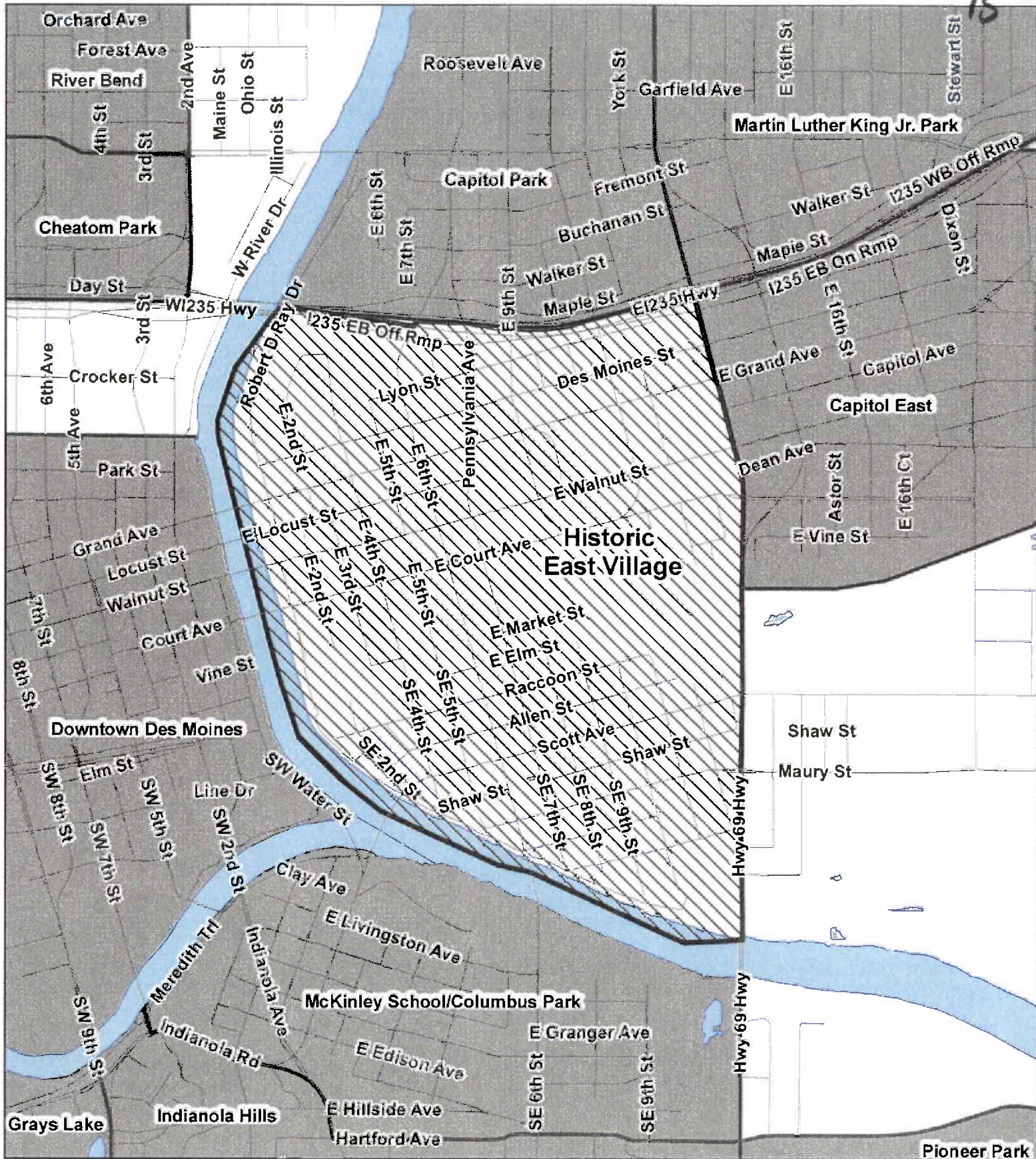
The NRB is particularly interested in plans by HEV to reach out to those who reside within the neighborhood boundaries, particularly low income and immigrant residents in the northern part of the neighborhood as well as those who live in the southern part of the neighborhood. The NRB was impressed with HEV's plans to involve churches and apartment managers and to also conduct door to door canvassing as part of an ongoing resident outreach program. We also support HEV's plan to balance the needs of both residents and business interests and to ensure representation of both on the HEV Board.

The NRB has unanimously voted to a) recommend the dissolution of the East Village Neighborhood Association and b) recommend that Historic East Village, Inc become a Recognized Neighborhood. We are forwarding both of these recommendations to the City Council for approval.

Sincerely,



Neal Westergaard, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board



Historic East Village Neighborhood Map

