

December 17, 2007
Date

**APPROVING THRIVENT BUILDS NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION
IMPLEMENTATION PHASE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING
KING IRVING AND MONDAMIN PRESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2007 by Roll Call No. 07-130 the City Council approved a resolution to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity for the implementation of the Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods Planning Grant Program to develop a neighborhood action plan for the King Irving and Mondamin Presidential Neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Development Division hired a temporary Assistant Planner, as authorized by Roll Call NO. 07-130, to coordinate the Thrivent Builds Neighborhood Coalition and to facilitate the planning process; and

WHEREAS, representatives from over twenty organizations, seven City departments and dozens of neighborhood residents attended almost 40 meetings and contributed over 800 hours toward the formation of the King Irving and Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood Action Plan which outlines the expenditure of \$1 million in Thrivent grants and loans and leverages over \$13 million in local funds (“the Plan”); and

WHEREAS, under the Plan the Des Moines Neighbors Neighborhood Resource Office will be the Lead Agency during the implementation of the plan and will submit the final draft of the plan on January 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, under the Plan each Coalition member organization agrees to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto as Exhibit A, outlining their roles and commitments to the Plan, which includes roles and services that seven City of Des Moines Departments could provide to the neighborhoods based on the needs identified by residents and stakeholders in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, under the Memorandum of Understanding, if Thrivent awards funding for the implementation phase of the Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods program, Neighborhood Conservation Services will administer \$500,000 in Program Related Investments for use in home repair and acquisition and rehabilitation for residential development; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding requires the City to designate 2008 Community Development Block Grant allocated funds for the Public Works Neighborhood Infrastructure Revitalization Program, as approved by Roll Call No. 07-2232, to upgrade infrastructure in the Mondamin Presidential neighborhood to support housing investment; and

WHEREAS, under the Memorandum of Understanding, if Thrivent awards funding,

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Neighborhood Based Service Delivery will utilize Thrivent grant funds to design and print updated marketing material, and;

WHEREAS, additional City of Des Moines roles detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding fall within the approved budgets and scope of work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods Coalition Implementation Phase Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto as Exhibit A, outlining the City of Des Moines' support and commitment to the King Irving and Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood Action Plan, and the City Clerk is directed to attest to his signature. .

(Council Communication Number 07 - 131)

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED

Ann DiDonato
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Assistant City Attorney

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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

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Mayor

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.


City Clerk

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD

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DATE: December 10, 2007

TO: City of Des Moines City Council

FROM: Frank Owens, Chair 
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

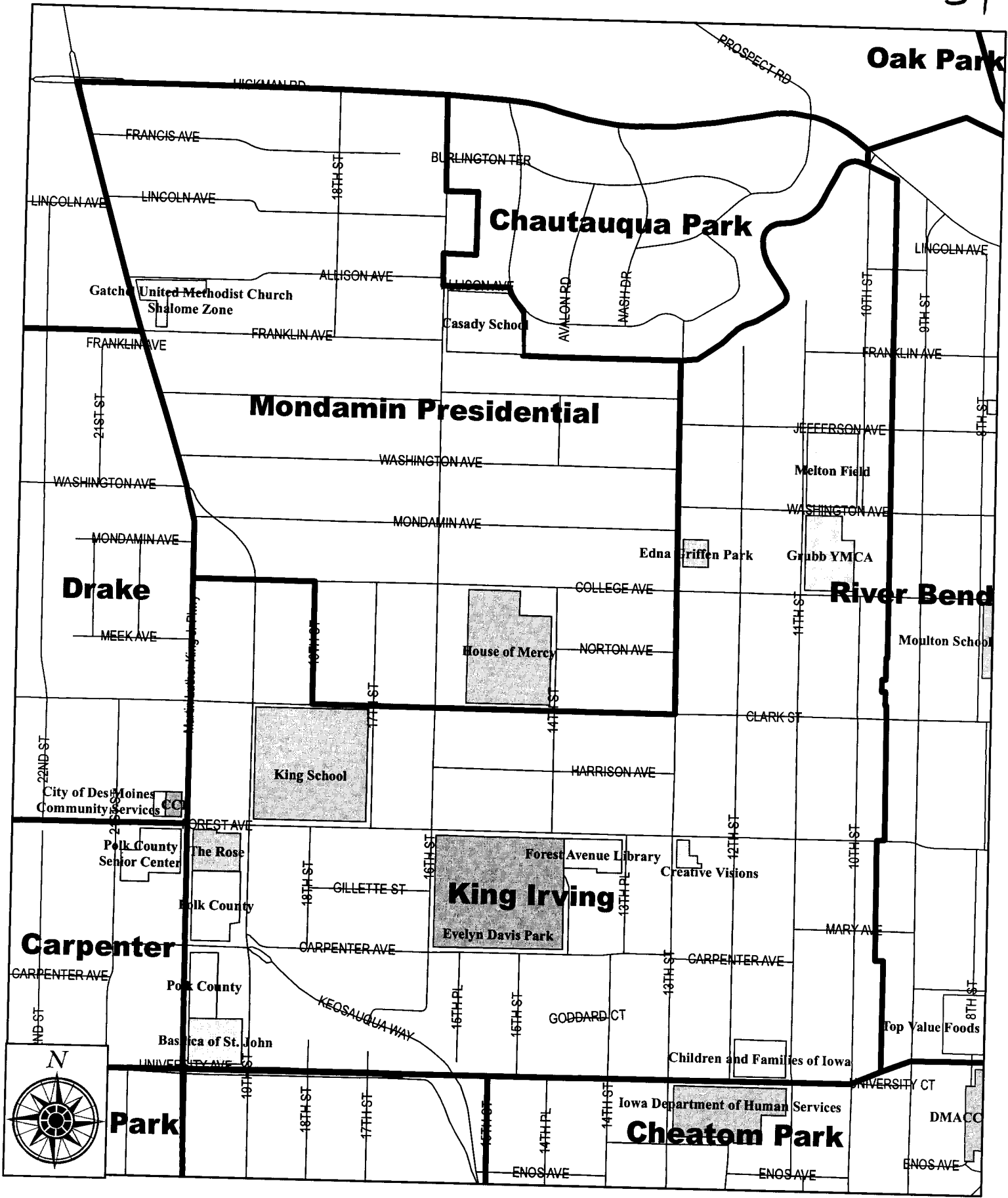
RE: Letter of Support for the King Irving and Mondamin Presidential
Neighborhood Action Plan and Recommendation to Sign the
Implementation Phase MOU

At the December 5, 2007 meeting, the NRB heard a presentation regarding the planning process in the King Irving and Mondamin Presidential neighborhoods and the resulting Neighborhood Action Plan. Several neighborhood residents and agency partners were present at the meeting to show support for the plan. The NRB feels that this is an exciting opportunity for the neighborhoods and that this plan represents the priorities of the neighborhood residents. The many agency partners and neighborhood residents that served on the Coalition and on the Priority Subcommittees show the commitment to carry this plan forward.

The Neighborhood Action Plan has a strong emphasis on strengthening the Neighborhood Associations and empowering neighborhood leaders. This plan is unique in that it goes beyond physical improvements and focuses on other quality of life issues such as programming for youth, employment and asset building. The planning process was also unique in that over twenty organizations, seven City department and dozens of neighborhood residents took part in the planning process.

At the December 5, 2007 NRB meeting a motion was passed to support of the Thrivent Neighborhood Action Plan for the King Irving and Mondamin Presidential neighborhoods and to recommend that the Council authorize the signing of the Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods Coalition Implementation Phase Memorandum of Understanding.

The NRB is willing to continue its role as a conflict resolution body, should that be needed during the implementation phase of the Plan. The NRB recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in support of the King Irving and Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood Action Plan.



**King Irving Mondamin Presidential
Local Service Agencies**