

Date April 25, 2011

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD'S  
RECOMMENDATION OF CHARTER STATUS FOR THE MERLE HAY NEIGHBORHOOD  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012**

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program requires that all participating neighborhoods be evaluated every several years to measure progress towards completion of neighborhood plan goals before graduating to Charter Neighborhood status; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department has worked with the Neighborhood Revitalization Board to create a process to evaluate the neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the Merle Neighborhood consisted of a review of the neighborhood's plan that focused on five primary areas of City involvement: land use/zoning, housing, commercial, community enhancements, and physical environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board invited the Merle Hay Neighborhood Association to attend its April 6, 2011 meeting to give feedback regarding its evaluation and any other issues the neighborhood wanted to discuss; and,

WHEREAS, at its April 6, 2011 meeting, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board approved the staff recommendation to reclassify Merle Hay as a Charter Neighborhood,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. Merle Hay Neighborhood shall be reclassified as a Charter Neighborhood effective January 1, 2012.
2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this action with attachments to the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

(Council Communication Number 11 - **231** )

FORM APPROVED:



Michael Kelley, Assistant City Attorney

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

**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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD**

April 15, 2011

The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

RE: Merle Hay Neighborhood Plan Evaluation

On April 6, 2011, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the Merle Hay and South Park Neighborhoods graduate to Charter Status as of January 1, 2012.

Substantial progress has been made toward completing the Merle Hay Neighborhood Plan goals. The City has invested over \$1.4 million in the neighborhood to improve the infrastructure in the area. In addition, the Merle Hay Neighborhood has generated over 220 NFC loans, which have invested over \$10 million into the neighborhood housing stock, and significant progress has been made toward implementing other aspects of the neighborhood plan.

Therefore, the Board recommends graduating the Merle Hay Neighborhood to Charter Status as of January 1, 2012.

Sincerely,



Nadine Hogate, Chair  
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Cc: Neighborhood Revitalization Board Members  
Chris Johansen, Deputy Community Development Director  
Phil Delafield, Community Development Director