



Date July 25, 2011

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF THE ARBOR PEAKS AND WAVELAND WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE LIST OF RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOODS.

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-2026, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Recognition Policy (the "Policy") which establishes procedures for the formal recognition of neighborhood associations by the City of Des Moines, and authorizes Recognized Neighborhoods to advise the City on issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Policy, Recognized Neighborhoods are required to provide certain information to the Community Development Department and the Neighborhood Revitalization Board on an annual basis via a survey; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Peaks Neighborhood Association did not respond to the 2010 or 2011 survey, which is required to maintain Recognized Neighborhood status, and has not responded to staff's attempts to contact the association representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association did not respond to the 2010 or 2011 survey, which is required to maintain Recognized Neighborhood status, and has not responded to staff's attempts to contact the association representatives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Policy, on July 6, 2011, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board voted to recommend to the City Council that the City of Des Moines remove Arbor Peaks and Waveland Woods Neighborhood Associations from the list of Recognized Neighborhoods, as further described in the accompanying letter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Arbor Peaks and Waveland Woods Neighborhood Associations be and are hereby removed from the list of Recognized Neighborhoods effective immediately.

(Council Communication Number 11 - *477*)



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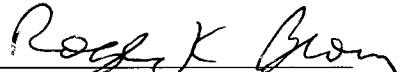
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MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:


Roger K. Brown
Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
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GRIESS				
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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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

_____ Mayor

_____ City Clerk

July 20, 2011

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

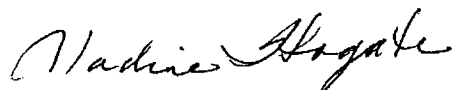
RE: Recommendation to remove Arbor Peaks and Waveland Woods from the list of
Recognized neighborhoods.

At our meeting on July 6, 2011, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board voted to forward a recommendation to the City Council that Arbor Peaks and Waveland Woods be removed from the City of Des Moines' list of Recognized neighborhood associations. For the past two years, neither neighborhood association has submitted a response to the annual survey that staff sends out. This survey is required under the City's Neighborhood Recognition Policy. Last year, these two neighborhoods (along with several others) were granted a grace period. Arbor Peaks and Waveland Woods are the only two neighborhoods that have failed to submit the survey two years in a row. NRB members as well as staff have made several attempts to contact the last known officers of the two neighborhood associations but have received no response.

Council Member Moore attended the July 6th meeting and expressed concern that by de-recognizing these two neighborhood associations, it will leave the areas unrepresented. Mr. Moore suggested perhaps an adjoining neighborhood would be willing to absorb the area. As part of our motion, the NRB directed staff to investigate this possibility and report back with a recommendation. However, we still feel it is appropriate to move forward with removing Arbor Peaks and Waveland Woods from the list of Recognized neighborhoods as their associations are no longer active.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Nadine Hogate, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board