



**Date** ..... August 27, 2012 .....

**AMENDING THE WESTERN VALLEY HIGH MANOR NEIGHBORHOOD  
BOUNDARY TO BE E 30<sup>th</sup> STRET AND THE NORTHERN LAUREL HILL  
NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY TO BE DEAN AVENUE.**

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, on March 27, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-1152, the Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association was Recognized by the City of Des Moines with boundaries of E University Ave on the north, the city limits on the east, Williams St on the west, and Dean Ave on the south; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-2119, the Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association was Recognized by the City of Des Moines with boundaries of E Walnut St on the north, E 38<sup>th</sup> St on the east, E 30<sup>th</sup> St on the west, and Maury St on the south; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2012, the Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association presented a petition to staff requesting that their western boundary be extended to E 30<sup>th</sup> Street. A copy of the petition and map showing the proposed area and signatures are attached as Exhibit A and B; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2012, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board voted to recommend to the City Council that the City of Des Moines amend the western boundary of the Valley High Manor neighborhood to E 30<sup>th</sup> Street. A letter outlining the NRB’s recommendation is attached as Exhibit C.

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary would create an overlap with the Laurel Hill Neighborhood as shown on the map in Exhibit D; and

WHEREAS, the current Presidents of the Valley High Manor and Laurel Hill Neighborhood Associations have agreed that Dean Avenue be the boundary between the two neighborhoods in order to avoid any overlap.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the western boundary of the Valley High Manor neighborhood be amended to E 30<sup>th</sup> Street and the northern boundary of the Laurel Hill neighborhood be amended to Dean Avenue.

(Council Communication Number 12 - 464 )

MOVED by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Michael F. Kelley  
 Assistant City Attorney

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.

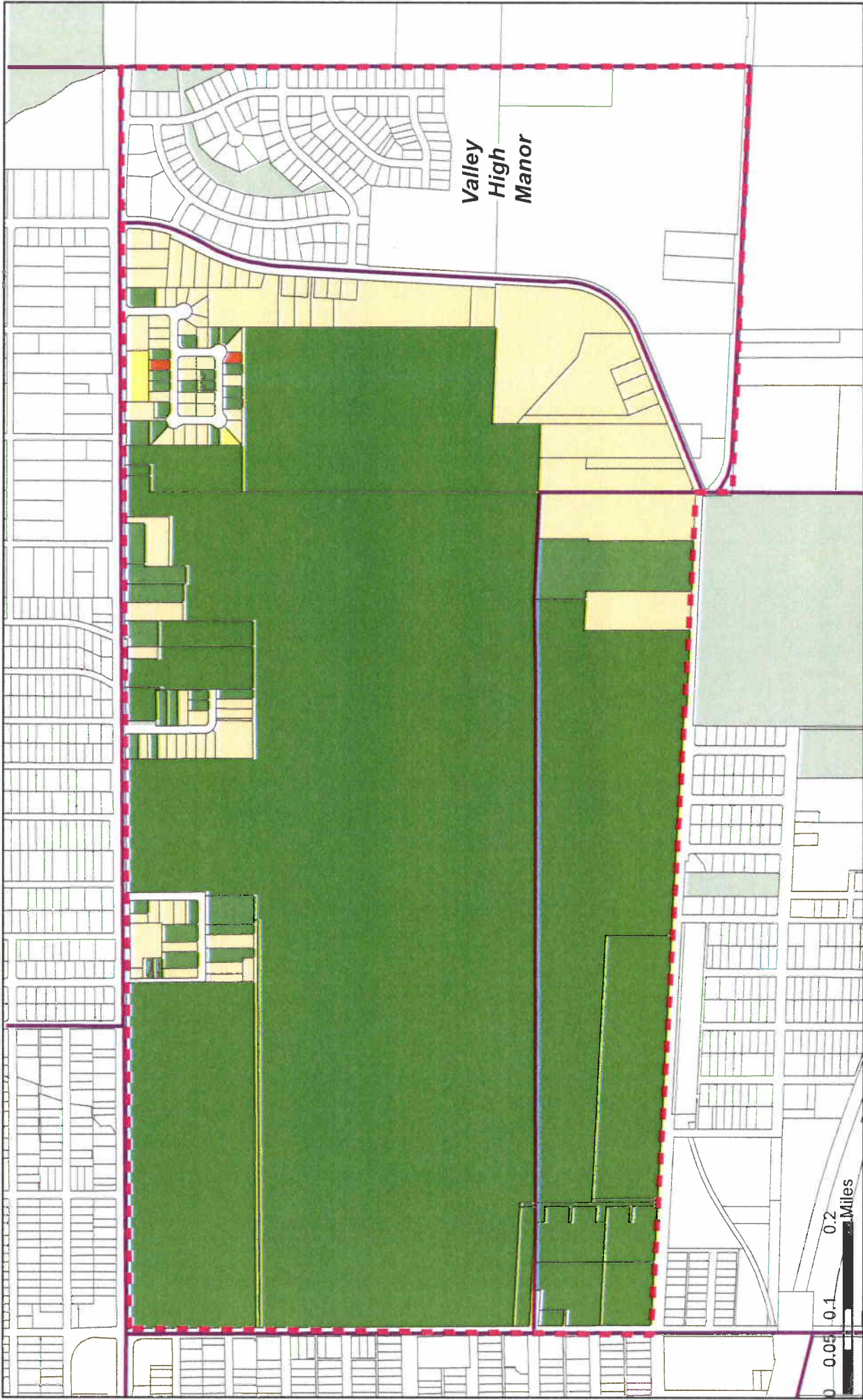
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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

# Valley High Manor Petition Signatures



NOTE: Not all signatures were mapped, as some addresses were not provided. Property belonging to the Iowa State Fair is marked as a YES, based on signature from Gary Slater. Also, Valley High Manor has indicated that there is a page of signatures missing from what they provided to City staff.







**Legend**

- Neighborhood Boundaries
- Yes
- Yes - Iowa State Fair
- No
- VHM Proposed Boundary 2012
- Unsure / Don't Care
- Park
- Parcels
- No Signature

# Valley High Manor Proposed Boundary



**Legend**

 VHM Proposed Boundary 2012	 Overlapping Area
 Neighborhood Boundaries	
 Park	
 Parcels	
 Residential Parcels	

Map Prepared 8.08.12





**Community Development Department  
Neighborhood Revitalization Board**

August 20, 2012

The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council,

At our meeting on August 1, 2012, Harlan Donaldson, President of the Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association, presented a petition proposing to expand the neighborhood boundaries. The current neighborhood boundaries are E University Ave on the north, the city limits on the east, Williams Street on the west, and Dean Ave on the south. The proposed expansion would extend the neighborhood west to E 30<sup>th</sup> Street, incorporating an area of the city that is not currently represented by a neighborhood association, including the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association did extensive outreach among their current members and in the proposed new area to explore the desire for such a change. The petition included signatures from both residents and businesses located in the proposed area, as well as a representative of the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board approves of this change and therefore recommends that Council take action to amend the western boundary of the Valley High Manor neighborhood to E 30<sup>th</sup> Street on the west.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura B. Mundy".

Laura B. Mundy, Chair  
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

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Mardi letter

Hello Neighbor,

I am writing to invite you to become a part of Valley High Manor Neighborhood, our established and City Recognized, Neighborhood. The benefits for you are:

- You would have an assigned police officer by virtue of being in a neighborhood.
- Statistics on crimes can be pulled up as an entire neighborhood instead of being kept only block by block which is all that is done with "unincorporated" areas of the City.
- Neighborhoods have more leverage with the City Council than individual neighbors.

The Valley High Manor Neighborhood is every home East of Williams Street on the South side of University. We are checking to see if your homes West of us down to E 30<sup>th</sup> Street, are interested.

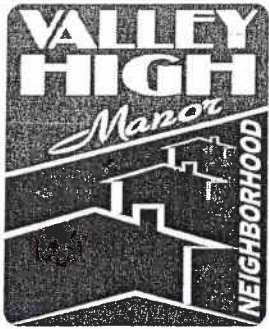
Please join us at the Four Mile Center, E 37<sup>th</sup> and Easton, on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to get acquainted and find out what other benefits come to Recognized Neighborhoods. Let's see if we have enough common interests and problems to warrant moving the boundaries.

If you want to find out more about us go to this link  
[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Valley\\_High\\_Manor](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Valley_High_Manor)

Or just Google us

Harlan Donaldson  
Pres. Valley High Manor

followed by  
newsletter in May



Summer 2012

**Message from VHMN Association President:**

**An open letter to all:** If you are receiving this you are located within our proposed new boundaries. Everything applies to you too.

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/desmoines/vhmna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/desmoines/vhmna)

**Neighborhood Picnic** - If you are interested in organizing just a Neighborhood picnic this summer contact Harlan Donaldson.

**Report weeds** - To report properties for not mowing their yards or otherwise keeping weeds down, contact Public Works at: <http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/PublicWorks/pages/reportProblems.aspx>

**Vacation Watch** - Des Moines Police Department offers a vacation watch service while you are out of town. Contact DMPD Dispatch 283 4811 to list your address so officers can do extra patrols. Also, advise all of your neighbors of this benefit.

**Other happenings this Summer** - Post Garage Sale we will be canvassing homes West of Williams to get your inputs on the boundary change.

**Association meeting - July 19th, 6:30 pm at Four Mile Center. All are invited.**

**Membership News** - This year we are offering a free 1<sup>st</sup> year membership just for coming to a meeting and giving your contact information. And we are offering a free "next year" membership to existing members for referring a new member.

Past members, will be considered as new members again this yr. Contact Connie Ballard for more information.

**The Neighborhood Garage Sale - on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is open to all.** We will have a **HUGE** sign out at Winegardener and University w/a smaller sign under it "announcing everywhere S. of Univ., all the way to the Fairgrounds". We will also have it listed in the Register. I will be making the rounds that day asking for *free will* donations to cover the onetime sign cost.

**Scrub Day** - You can visit any city sites on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month through November. Visit the city website for details. The Transfer Station is also open on these dates.

**Street Clean** - We will be cleaning up Dean and Williams on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 9AM, (Rain date is June 30th). Meet in the out parking area of Sleepy Hollow. We should be done by 1 pm. Dress appropriately in good walking shoes and gloves. There is poison ivy along the road so long sleeves and pants are recommended.

**National Night Out - August 7, 2012**  
*We are looking for someone to take a leading role in organizing a National Night Out. For many years groups have had block parties, cookouts, and other special events, with a special emphasis on our police-community partnership. Contact any VHMNA board member for more information.*

Contact the officers below with questions or problems.

Pres	Harlan Donaldson	263-4922	<a href="mailto:Valleyhighpresiden@Yahoo.Com">Valleyhighpresiden@Yahoo.Com</a>
Vp	Dennis Fry	210-6922	<a href="mailto:Frydml@mchsi.com">Frydml@mchsi.com</a>
Sec	Brenda Peel	249-2285	<a href="mailto:Bkpcats@Juno.Com">Bkpcats@Juno.Com</a>
Treas	Connie Ballard	266-5588	<a href="mailto:Cballard4211@Gmail.Com">Cballard4211@Gmail.Com</a>
Board	Carol Stewart	266-4772	<a href="mailto:Rubybagonia@Gmail.Com">Rubybagonia@Gmail.Com</a>
Board	Mary Smith	265-0665	<a href="mailto:Mpsmith1@Hotmail.Com">Mpsmith1@Hotmail.Com</a>
Board	Patti Burdette	266-4976	<a href="mailto:Cherokee_Sioux55@Yahoo.Com">Cherokee_Sioux55@Yahoo.Com</a>
Board	Steve O'brien	418-7526	

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Dennis Rule - 515-208-0317  
Neighborhood Inspection Division  
[darule@dmgov.org](mailto:darule@dmgov.org)

**Des Moines website**  
<http://www.dmgov.org>

