



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

17

Date August 28, 2017

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WATROUS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOGNITION POLICY

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

WHEREAS, the Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition stating their boundaries include Southwest 9th Street between Watrous Avenue and McKinley Avenue on the west, South Union Street from Watrous Avenue to McKinley Avenue on the east, Watrous Avenue between Southwest 9th Street and South Union Street on the north, and McKinley Avenue between Southwest 9th Street to South Union Street on the south, as specifically shown in the accompanying map; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board recommended approval of this application at its meeting on August 2, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Watrous Heights Neighborhood is hereby designated as a Recognized Neighborhood for the City of Des Moines, effective immediately.

(Council Communication Number 17 - 607)

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

Table with columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COUNNIE, COLEMAN, GATTO, GRAY, HENSLEY, MOORE, WESTERGAARD, TOTAL. Includes MOTION CARRIED and APPROVED status.

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



**Community Development Department
Neighborhood Revitalization Board**

August 2, 2017

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council,

RE: Designation of Watrous Heights Neighborhood as a 'Recognized' neighborhood in accordance with the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) is pleased to recommend approval of Watrous Heights Neighborhood as a 'Recognized' neighborhood in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. The Des Moines City Council approved the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Recognition Policy on May 24, 1993 by Roll Call No. 93-2026.

The Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association has completed an application for recognition and submitted all required information. The boundaries for the proposed neighborhood include S. W. 9th Street between Watrous Avenue and McKinley Avenue on the west, South Union Street from Watrous Avenue to McKinley Avenue on the east, Watrous Avenue between S.W.9th Street and South Union Street on the north, and McKinley Avenue between S.W.9th Street to South Union Street on the south. The proposed neighborhood boundaries match up with the Watrous South neighborhood to the west, Fort Des Moines neighborhood to the south and Magnolia Park neighborhood to the east

At our meeting on August 2, 2017, the NRB reviewed the application in context of the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. A motion to recognize Watrous Heights Neighborhood was voted on and approved by the NRB. We therefore recommend that City Council take action to designate the Watrous Heights Neighborhood as a 'Recognized' neighborhood association of the City of Des Moines.

Sincerely,

Ben Brackett, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Proposed Watrous Heights Neighborhood

