



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date September 23, 2019

APPROVING REMOVAL OF CARPENTER NEIGHBORHOOD FROM THE LIST OF RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES

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, on August 1, 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-3008, the Carpenter Neighborhood was formally recognized by the City of Des Moines pursuant to said Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Recognition Policy requires that each recognized neighborhood complete and return an annual neighborhood survey to the Community Development Department; and

WHEREAS, during the 2019 annual neighborhood survey process, Community Development staff was informed that the formal Carpenter Neighborhood is no longer active due to lack of resident participation; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2019, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) voted to recommend to the City Council that the City of Des Moines remove the Carpenter Neighborhood from the list of recognized neighborhoods, as set forth in the attached communication from the NRB.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Carpenter Neighborhood be and is hereby removed from the City's list of formally recognized neighborhoods effective immediately, and that the City neighborhood map be amended to show the Carpenter Neighborhood as part of Drake Neighborhood.

(Council Communication Number 19 - 405 )

FORM APPROVED:

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

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

Table with columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, BOESEN, COLEMAN, GATTO, GRAY, MANDELBAUM, WESTERGAARD, TOTAL, MOTION CARRIED, APPROVED.

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



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**Community Development Department  
Neighborhood Revitalization Board**

September 4, 2019

The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council,

RE: De-certification of Carpenter Neighborhood as a Recognized Neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) recommends removal of Carpenter Neighborhood from the list of the City of Des Moines' Recognized Neighborhoods. The NRB also recommends amending the City of Des Moines' neighborhood map to show Carpenter Neighborhood area as part of Drake Neighborhood.

As part of the City's Neighborhood Recognition Policy, the City 'recertifies' Recognized neighborhoods that are in compliance with the annual survey and the requirements of the Neighborhood Recognition Policy. In response to the 2019 Annual Neighborhood Survey, Carpenter Neighborhood indicated that it is no longer active and requested to not be re-certified as a Recognized Neighborhood.

On September 4, 2019, the NRB discussed the request for de-certification of Carpenter Neighborhood Association, merging the area with Drake Neighborhood. A motion was voted on and approved by the NRB. We therefore recommend that City Council act to remove Carpenter Neighborhood Association from the list of Recognized Neighborhoods and amend the map to show the Carpenter Neighborhood area as part of Drake Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Kennedy".

Kelly Kennedy, Chair  
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

## **Minhas, Anuprit J.**

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**From:** Robert L Gieber <bgieber@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:26 PM  
**To:** Minhas, Anuprit J.  
**Cc:** jen@bijougrafx.com  
**Subject:** Re: Carpenter Neighborhood Association

TO ALL CONCERNED:

The Carpenter Neighborhood Association has no assets or liabilities. We have not met since Oct 2018, and we lost our meeting space when Drake University changed the Security Office meeting room into office space. I had served as president of the association for 15 years, and resigned in Nov 2018. No one wanted to take on the responsibilities of association officers, so I decided to call it quits. I am anxious to get this settled and hope to hear from you.

I do have a question about all the files I have for the Carpenter Neighborhood. Do I just throw them away, give them to a historical society, ??

Sincerely,

Robert Gieber, former president of the Carpenter Neighborhood Association

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Minhas, Anuprit J. <AJMinhas@dmgov.org>  
**To:** Robert L Gieber <bgieber@aol.com>  
**Cc:** Jennifer Sayers <jen@bijougrafx.com>  
**Sent:** Tue, Sep 10, 2019 4:03 pm  
**Subject:** RE: Carpenter Neighborhood Association

Robert,

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) approved the request to not re-certify Carpenter neighborhood as a Recognized neighborhood of the City of Des Moines at its meeting last week. The NRB recommendation will go to the City Council for final approval at its September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, pending receiving a letter of support from Drake Neighborhood Association (DNA).

The area served by Carpenter neighborhood will now be served solely by DNA since Drake's boundaries include Carpenter neighborhood. DNA had questions regarding any assets/liabilities/bills or other obligations owned by Carpenter neighborhood that would need to be addressed. Please provide any relevant information that can address these concerns. Following this, DNA will provide a letter of support toward the disbanding of Carpenter neighborhood, which the City would forward as an attachment to the City Council.

Thanks. Please let me know if I can assist with anything going forward.

Anu

**Anuprit Minhas, AICP**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Drake Neighborhood Association affirms that the residents of the Carpenter Neighborhood continue to be residents of the area served by the Drake Neighborhood Association. Residents of the Carpenter Neighborhood will continue to be welcome to attend, participate, and join the Drake Neighborhood Association. Our meetings take place the second Wednesday of every month at the Polk County Central Senior Center, 2008 Forest Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311.

We look forward to meeting our neighbors!

Drake Neighborhood Association Board