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APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD REGARDING
FAIRGROUND NEIGHBORHOOD MEDIATION

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2007 by Roll Call No. 07-2227 the City Council requested that the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) mediate a dispute between Fairground Neighborhood for Community Improvement (FNCI), a City of Des Moines Recognized Neighborhood Association, and Fairground neighborhood residents regarding the denial of membership status and voting privileges at FNCI's meeting on November 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, an NRB subcommittee appointed to mediate the conflict met four times in duly-noticed open sessions to gather information, hear viewpoints and concerns of all interested parties, and draft findings and recommendation to the City Council. At its January 9, 2008 meeting the NRB as a whole voted unanimously to approve and forward the recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the NRB's report of the mediation and recommendation to City Council are attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. As a condition of retaining its status as a Recognized Neighborhood Association, the FNCI shall
 - (a) amend its bylaws to clarify membership and voting privileges;
 - (b) remove FNCI's requirement that its members join any other organization; and;
 - (c) hold new elections for officers pursuant to the amended bylaws.
2. As a condition to retaining recognized status, no Recognized Neighborhood Association shall require that its members belong to any other organization.
3. Community Development Department staff shall send a letter to FNCI mandating the conditions, as stated herein, which it must meet in order to maintain Recognized Neighborhood Association status. FNCI shall reply to staff on or before February 29, 2008, stating its intentions regarding whether and by what means it intends to comply with those conditions.

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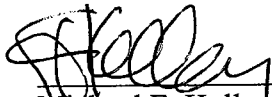
4. The NRB is directed to review the City's Neighborhood Recognition Policy and to recommend to Council any changes that it considers necessary or advisable to ensure that each Recognized Neighborhood Association conducts its affairs in an open and inclusive manner, ensuring maximum opportunity for resident participation in recognized neighborhood affairs.

5. Community Development Department staff as part of its annual survey shall require all Recognized Neighborhood Associations to submit copies of their most recent bylaws.

Moved by Meyer to adopt.

(Council Communication No. 08-044)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael F. Kelley
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
KIERNAN	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
VLASSIS	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Y. M. Franklin Council
Mayor

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.

Diane Rauh City Clerk