



**Roll Call Number**

14-1714

**Agenda Item Number**

24

**Date** November 3, 2014

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO  
NEIGHBORHOOD RECOGNITION POLICY**

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 August 11, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1246, the City Council considered an item related to City support of recognized neighborhood associations and referred the item to the City Manager to formulate a policy regarding prioritization of recognized neighborhood groups without eliminating non-recognized groups access to communication; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2014, staff from the Community Development Department brought the topic of City support of recognized neighborhood associations up for discussion at the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) meeting; and

WHEREAS, the NRB appointed a five-member subcommittee to meet with staff from multiple City Departments in order to formulate a policy that would provide recognized neighborhood associations with priority over non-recognized neighborhood groups when it comes to City staff attending neighborhood meetings or neighborhood groups utilizing City facilities; and

WHEREAS, the NRB subcommittee chose to recommend amendments to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy by more clearly defining the benefits of becoming a recognized neighborhood association, which includes policy language that gives priority to recognized neighborhood associations over non-recognized neighborhood groups when it comes to City staff attending neighborhood meetings or neighborhood groups utilizing City facilities; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2014, the NRB unanimously voted to recommend approval of amendments to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy and forward such recommendation to the City Council, which recommendation is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1666, the City Council reviewed the recommended amendments to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy, and referred the item to the City Manager and Community Development Department to make additional requested changes to the Policy and to return the updated amendments to Council for consideration at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the requested additional changes have been included in the amendments to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy, as shown on the amendments attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. That the attached communication from the Neighborhood Revitalization Board is hereby received and filed.
2. That the amendments to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy, as attached hereto, are hereby approved, and the Neighborhood Revitalization Board and City staff are directed and authorized to administer said Policy in accordance with said amendments.

MOVED by Hensley to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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

T. M. Franklin Council Mayor

Diane Rauh

City Clerk