## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER DES MOINES, IOWA

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-026 JANUARY 20, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES FOR THE HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

## SYNOPSIS -

The City of Des Moines Neighborhood Recognition Policy provides the opportunity for the City to officially recognize neighborhoods and their organizations located and functioning within the City. This policy requests that any neighborhood organization asking to be recognized submit specific information. A list of the 25 neighborhood organizations who responded to the original request was prepared, approved by the Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB), and these groups received official recognition from the City Council on November 8, 1993. The Highland Park Neighborhood Association was one of these original 25 neighborhoods. Since that time, the Highland Park Neighborhood Association has requested an extension of its boundaries. This extension was approved by the NAB at their meeting on January 15, 1997. The request is now being forwarded to the City Council for their final approval.

FISCAL IMPACT -

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

## BACKGROUND -

Attached is a map of the Highland Park Neighborhood and the proposed boundary extension.

On May 24, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-2026, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Recognition Policy as recommended by the NAB. The intent of this policy is to assist citizens of Des Moines sharing common identity, goals, and concerns to form an organization which will be formally recognized by City government boards, committees and councils and will act as an advisory body when dealing with decisions made by the City and its entities. The policy wishes to recognize the fact that the long-term stability of a neighborhood depends on the existence of a strong neighborhood-based organization's ability to demonstrate broad grassroots participation and the ability to provide leadership and command respect in working with the City and other public and private interests.

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