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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SUBJECT—

Approval of the New Vision Neighborhood Association's revised bylaws in accordance with the City's Neighborhood Recognition Policy.

### SYNOPSIS—

The New Vision Neighborhood Association voted to amend their bylaws on November 16, 2004. Included in the amendments was a name change to the Cheatom Park Neighborhood Association. The New Vision Neighborhood has been a recognized neighborhood since November 8, 1993. To maintain recognized status, they are required to submit a copy of their revised bylaws to the City for review.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

None

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

### BACKGROUND—

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revised bylaws to the City for review. On November 17, 2004, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board approved a motion recommending approval of the revised bylaws and name change.

The City's Neighborhood Recognition Policy was adopted by the City Council on May 24, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-2026. 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 able to demonstrate broad grass roots participation, and the ability to provide leadership and command respect in working with the City and other public and private interests.