

Date June 19, 2006

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FIVE NEW NEIGHBORHOODS FOR INCLUSION
IN THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM
(Douglas Acres, Drake, Merle Hay, South Park and Waterbury)

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2006, by Roll Call No. 06-479, the City Council and the Polk County Supervisors jointly authorized staff to begin the selection process for new stable and transitional neighborhoods for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board, in conjunction with City and County staff, has solicited and reviewed applications for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program from Recognized Neighborhoods and heard presentations on May 17, 2006 from the eight neighborhoods (Douglas Acres, Drake, Merle Hay, Salisbury Oaks, South Park, Valley High Manor, Waterbury and Westwood) that applied for designation; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2006, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board approved the staff recommendation and recommends the selection of Douglas Acres, Drake, Merle Hay, South Park and Waterbury for inclusion as Designated Neighborhoods in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board requested that prior to September 1, 2006, staff provide an implementation strategy that identifies the order in which neighborhoods will participate in the planning process and clarifies the Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) lending policy for the newly selected neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors has received both the staff and the Neighborhood Revitalization Board's recommendations, and on June 14, 2006 held a work session regarding neighborhood selection.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that, effective September 1, 2006, the Douglas Acres, Drake, Merle Hay, South Park and Waterbury Neighborhoods shall be included as Designated Neighborhoods in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

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(Council Communication No. 06-378)

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

By: Roger K. Brown
Roger K. Brown
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BROOKS				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
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KIERNAN				
VLASSIS				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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.

City Clerk

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD

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June 12, 2006

Dear Members of the City Council and Board of Supervisors:

Over the last several months at the direction of the City Council and Board of Supervisors, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board has been actively engaged in the Neighborhood Selection process. At the May 17, 2006 meeting, the Board heard presentations from the eight neighborhoods that submitted applications, Douglas Acres, Drake, Merle Hay, Salisbury Oaks, South Park, Waterbury and Westwood. The Board also had an opportunity to ask questions of the neighborhoods following their presentations.

Following the neighborhood presentations, staff developed a recommendation on Neighborhood Selection that was forwarded to the Board for their consideration.

Staff recommended the selection of Douglas Acres, Drake, Merle Hay, South Park and Waterbury for inclusion in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Additionally, staff outlined several other issues that need to be considered in the near future including Neighborhood Finance Corporation lending policies for each neighborhood, addressing the needs of Charter neighborhoods and the creation of a pilot area for distressed neighborhoods that addresses the human needs in addition to the physical needs of a neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board spent a considerable amount of time discussing the capacity of neighborhood associations and their ability to take on the additional requirements associated with the new model of neighborhood planning which requires neighborhood associations to take on more responsibilities in the development and implementation of the plan. Also discussed at length was the need for clarification on potential changes in the Neighborhood Finance Corporation's lending policies. Additionally, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board expressed concern about the importance of returning to work in Distressed Neighborhoods and the need to do additional work on the creation of the pilot areas concept.

At its June 7, 2006 meeting, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board approved the staff's recommendation with the addition that the City provide an implementation plan for neighborhood order and a Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) lending policy for each neighborhood to be approved and effective by September 1, 2006. Therefore, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board recommends to the City Council and Board of Supervisors that the Douglas Acres, Drake, Merle Hay, South Park and Waterbury neighborhoods be selected for inclusion in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program as Designated Neighborhoods and that an implementation plan for neighborhood

order and an NFC lending policy be approved and effective by September 1, 2006.

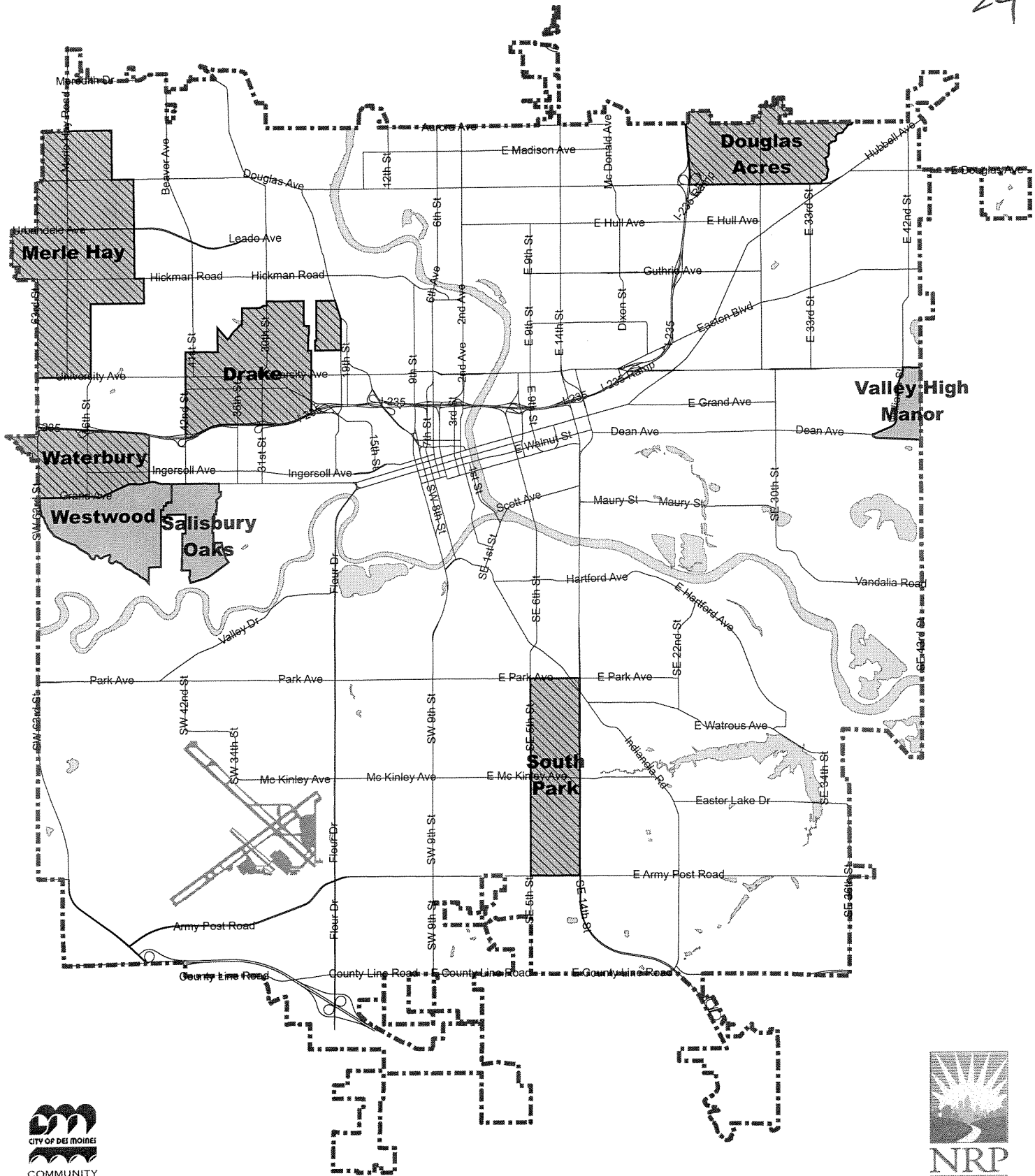
The NRB believes that its involvement and work with the neighborhoods through this neighborhood selection process is one of the most important roles it has, and I would like to remind the City Council that the City's commitment to its neighborhoods is best realized by your continued commitment to all the many parts of this Program – Neighborhood Planning, the Neighborhood Finance Corporation, the Neighborhood Development Corporation, and Neighborhood Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program (NIRP).



Sincerely,



Frank Affannato, Chairperson
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

- cc: Neighborhood Revitalization Board Members
- Rick Clark, City Manager
- Larry Hulse, Community Development Director
- Kathy Kahoun, Neighborhood Development Administrator
- Holly Olson, Neighborhood Finance Corporation
- John Rowen, Polk County Public Works
- Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association
- Drake Neighborhood Association
- Merle Hay Neighborhood Association
- Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood Association
- South Park Neighborhood Association
- Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association
- Waterbury Neighborhood Association
- Westwood Neighborhood Association



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2006 Neighborhood Selection Process
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