

Date April 25, 2011

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD'S
RECOMMENDATION OF CHARTER STATUS FOR THE SOUTH PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012**

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program requires that all participating neighborhoods be evaluated every several years to measure progress towards completion of neighborhood plan goals before graduating to Charter Neighborhood status; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department has worked with the Neighborhood Revitalization Board to create a process to evaluate the neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the South Park Neighborhood consisted of a review of the neighborhood's plan that focused on five primary areas of City involvement: land use/zoning, housing, commercial, community enhancements, and physical environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board invited the South Park Neighborhood Association to attend its April 6, 2011 meeting to give feedback regarding its evaluation and any other issues the neighborhood wanted to discuss; and,

WHEREAS, at their April 6, 2011 meeting, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board approved the staff recommendation to reclassify South Park as a Charter Neighborhood,

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

1. South Park Neighborhood shall be reclassified as a Charter Neighborhood effective January 1, 2012.
2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this action with attachments to the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

(Council Communication Number 11 - **232**)

FORM APPROVED:


Michael Kelley, Assistant City Attorney

Moved by _____ to adopt.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

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

Mayor

City Clerk

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD

April 15, 2011

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

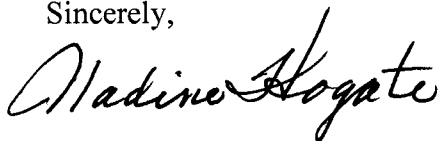
RE: South Park Neighborhood Plan Evaluation

On April 6, 2011, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the Merle Hay and South Park Neighborhoods graduate to Charter Status as of January 1, 2012.

Substantial progress has been made toward completing the South Park Neighborhood Plan goals. The South Park Neighborhood Association used the neighborhood planning process to significantly improve the capacity of their neighborhood organization. In addition, over \$700,000 was invested by the City to improve the neighborhood infrastructure, included utilizing CDBG to enhance a school walk route in the neighborhood, along with several other visible improvements in the area.

Therefore, the Board recommends graduating the South Park Neighborhood to Charter Status as of January 1, 2012.

Sincerely,



Nadine Hogate, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

Cc: Neighborhood Revitalization Board Members
Chris Johansen, Deputy Community Development Director
Phil Delafield, Community Development Director