

# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item:** Official recognition of the Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association

Action     Discussion     Informational

**Date:** May 9, 2024

**Prepared By:** Robert Cooper, Manager, NRP and Citizen Participation

**Attachments:** Approval Letter

## Requested Action

The City's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) recommends that the NRP Policy Board recognize the Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association (LNENA) as the official facilitator for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program in the Beltrami and Northeast Park neighborhoods.

## Background

The Beltrami Neighborhood Council (BNC) and Northeast Park Neighborhood Association (NEPNA) have facilitated the NRP process in their respective neighborhoods since the beginning of the program. Those two neighborhood organizations have now merged into the Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association (LNENA).

## Discussion

After the BNC and NEPNA boards and membership approved the merger of the organizations, it applied to NCR for official recognition of LNENA as the neighborhood organization representing the Beltrami and Northeast Park neighborhoods. NCR has approved that request (see attached).

The Policy Board is now asked to recognize LNENA as the organization to facilitate the NRP process in the two neighborhoods. This is necessary so that LNENA is able to make decisions regarding the implementation of the Beltrami and Northeast Park Phase I and Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans. It is also necessary so that LNENA is authorized to receive NRP funds for its administrative activities.

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## Recommendation

NCR recommends the following resolution to the NRP Policy Board for action at its May 9, 2024, meeting:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby recognizes the Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association (LNENA) as the official facilitator for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program in the Beltrami and Northeast Park neighborhoods.



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May 3, 2024

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RE: Official Recognition of Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association

Dear Ms. Hantge:

Thank you for your submission of the Neighborhoods 2020 application, engagement plan and required documents received on April 19, 2024. You wrote requesting that the Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association (LNENA) be officially recognized as the neighborhood organization representing the Northeast Park and Beltrami neighborhoods.

Through a robust community engagement effort, the boards and communities of the Beltrami Neighborhood Council (BNC) and the Northeast Park Neighborhood Association (NEPNA) voted to approve a merger. This long and thoughtful process culminated in the creation of the new Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association which will represent and work for the residents of both the Beltrami and Northeast Park neighborhoods.

Based on my review I find that:

1. The neighborhood organizations have followed robust process to approve a merger.
2. The BNC and NEPNA boards voted to merge the two organizations on October 4, 2023 and November 9, 2023, respectively.
3. The BNC and NEPNA membership approved of the merger at community meetings on October 25, 2023.
4. LNENA has submitted all required documents for the new organization.
5. NCR has reviewed the required documents and found them to be in full compliance with the Neighborhoods 2020 guidelines.

Based on these findings, this letter is formal notification that LNENA's request for official recognition has been reviewed and administratively approved.

Best wishes for continued progress on all your work for the community.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
Karen Ego  
Director

cc: Bob Cooper, DFD  
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