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## **For Immediate Release**

# **18 Neighborhood Associations Awarded Funds as Part of Mayor Fahey's Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program**

**May 10, 2006** - Mayor Mike Fahey presented neighborhood leaders with 21 grants as part of his 2006 Neighborhood Improvement Grants program, at a ceremony in the Concord Square Neighborhood.

The grants of \$5,000 or less are given to Neighborhood Associations as tools to improve public safety and/or the physical appearance of their area. The funds will go toward such projects as new signage, radios for citizen patrol, landscaping, updated playground structures and more.

“In 2002 when I created my Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program I knew that these grants would provide Neighborhood Associations with the tools to enhance the areas in which they live,” said Mayor Fahey. “Now, four years and 101 grants later, the results have surpassed my expectations and have enhanced neighborhoods throughout the city.”

Groups receiving funds include: Bemis Park Neighborhood Association, Benson Neighborhood Association, Blackstone Neighborhood Association (in partnership with the West Central Development Council), City Sprouts, Concord Square Homeowners Association, Country Club Community Council, Dundee Memorial Park Association, Escalante Hills Homeowners Association II, Inc., Ford Birthsite Neighborhood Association, Gifford Park Neighborhood Association, Maple Village Neighborhood Association, Miller Park/Minne Lusa Neighborhood Association/Citizen's Patrol, Morton Meadows Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Center of Greater Omaha, Old Market/Downtown Residential District, Roanoke Neighborhood Association, Spring Lake Neighborhood Association and Walnut Grove Homeowner's Association.

## **Summary of Mayor Fahey's 2006 Neighborhood Improvement Grant Awards**

### **Bemis Park Neighborhood Association**

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Description: The grant will be used for a playground improvement project, specifically the Toddler Playground area.

### **Benson Neighborhood Association**

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Description: The grant will be used for the Benson East Gateway Project. It will go towards refreshing and refurbishing the triangular median at the junction of Maple St. and Northwest Radial.

### **Blackstone Neighborhood Association & West Central Development Council**

Amount Awarded: \$3,000

Project Description: The grant will be used for street landscaping improvements and will allow the associations to continue the placement of large planters in the neighborhood.

### **City Sprouts**

Amount Awarded: \$4,081

Project Description: Funds will be used for the redesign of the Orchard Hill garden.

### **Concord Square Homeowners Association**

Amount Awarded: \$3,880

Project Description: The grant will go towards acquiring a neighborhood sign and additional plantings.

### **Country Club Community Council**

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Description: The grant will be used to restore historic street lamps.

### **Dundee Memorial Park Association**

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Description: The grant will be used to refinish 210 old-style cast iron streetlights.

### **Escalante Hills Homeowner's Association II, Inc.**

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Description: The grant will be used to build a neighborhood picnic shelter.

### **Ford Birthsite Neighborhood Association (2 Grants)**

- \$2,725 will go towards restoring the Gerald Ford Birthsite Park and the Betty Ford Rose Garden.
- \$2,275 will go towards replacing radios and other equipment for their citizen patrol.

### **Gifford Park Neighborhood Association (2Grants)**

- \$1,000 will be used to fund a green-scaping project and to purchase four large flower pots. Funds will also be used to pay for printing, signage and marketing expenses for a preservation tour that will be part of the Restore Omaha conference.
- \$700 will be used to support code enforcement efforts.

**Maple Village Neighborhood Association**

Amount Awarded: \$4,943

Project Description: The grant will be used to purchase needed equipment for the citizen's patrol.

**Miller Park/Minne Lusa Neighborhood Association/Miller Park Minne Lusa Citizen's Patrol**

Amount Awarded: \$4,825

Project Description: The grant will be used to purchase 4 radios, 35 vests and identification magnets for the citizen's patrol.

**Morton Meadows Neighborhood Association**

Amount Awarded: \$270

Project Description: The grant will be used to purchase a neighborhood identity sign and new citizen patrol signs.

**Neighborhood Center Greater Omaha**

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Description: The grant will be used to conduct a pilot project to significantly reduce the proportion of properties without any posted legal address.

**Old Market/Downtown Residential District**

Amount Awarded: \$2,314

Project Description: The grant will be used to establish a "smoker's station" by purchasing and installing units.

**Roanoke Neighborhood Association**

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Description: The grant will be used to purchase and install a modern playground structure at Roanoke Park.

**Spring Lake Neighborhood Association (2 Grants)**

- \$3,000 will be used to place four additional park benches in Spring Lake Park.
- In partnership with the Spring Lake Citizen Patrol, Spring Lake Neighborhood Association is awarded \$779 to replace car signage and purchase 15 vests for the Omaha Coalition of Citizen's Patrols.

**Walnut Grove Homeowner's Association**

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Description: The grant will be used to install keystone block around four neighborhood entrance signs and to provide landscaping for the enrichment of Walnut Grove and Bryan Park.