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**MEMORANDUM**

**NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES DIVISION - Council Memo No. NR08-039**

**DATE:** OCTOBER 17, 2008

**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**THRU:** W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER  
RICH DLUGAS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER *RD*  
JUDY REGISTER, NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES DIRECTOR *JR*

**FROM:** JUDY RAMOS, NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR *JR*

**SUBJECT:** SILK STOCKING TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROPOSAL

**RECOMMENDATION:** Neighborhood Programs staff and the Neighborhood Advisory Committee recommend approval of the Silk Stocking Traditional Neighborhood grant request in the amount of \$10,000.00.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** Silk Stocking Traditional Neighborhood is one of Chandler's oldest neighborhoods. The neighborhood is located north of Chandler Boulevard and east of Arizona Avenue. The neighborhood is applying for grant funds to hire a consultant to assist them in placing their neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places.

Residents of the Silk Stocking Traditional Neighborhood have been working together for the last five years on improving the look and feel of their neighborhood. Their greatest challenges have been rebuilding neighborhood pride, neighborhood sustainability, and preserving a part of Chandler's history in their front yards. This is a predominantly low- to moderate-income neighborhood. The neighborhood has received grants in the past to help with minor neighborhood improvements, help restore pride, and increase communication amongst neighbors.

Through surveys and neighborhood meetings, the residents decided to persevere in the acquisition of historic designation for their neighborhood. The residents outlined their proposal to the Museum Advisory Board (MAB), and it was through the MAB that the Silk Stocking Neighborhood received the support to apply for the neighborhood grant to pursue the nomination for the National Register of Historic Places.

The total budget for the neighborhood project is \$10,000.00. Neighbors have already donated over 150 hours in neighborhood surveys, meetings regarding the grant, and interviews with potential historians for this project.

The application has met all the requirements of the Traditional Neighborhood Grant Program guidelines. Members of the Grant Review Committee and Neighborhood Advisory Committee have reviewed the grant application and recommend approval.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTE REPORT:**

Motion to approve:

In Favor: 5    Opposed: 0    Absent: 2

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Traditional Neighborhood Grant Funds have been budgeted and are available.

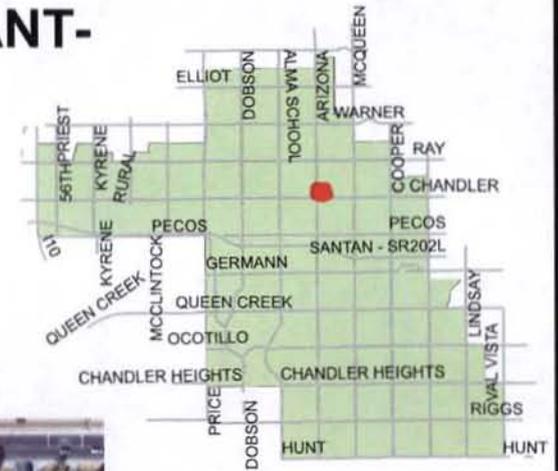
**PROPOSED MOTION:** Move to approve the Silk Stocking Traditional Neighborhood Grant request in the amount of \$10,000.00.

*Attachments:* Neighborhood Map/Aerial Photo



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