

Central City Neighborhood Association
Bylaws

Article I

Organization: Name, Purpose, Boundary.

Section 1. The Name. The name of this organization shall be the Central City Neighborhood Association, herein-after referred to as the Association.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this organization shall be to provide an opportunity for members to cooperate with each other and the City on matters effecting the neighborhood and the City as a whole. Means of accomplishing this purpose shall include, but not be limited to:

A. providing a public forum for the review and evaluation of issues and problems affecting our neighborhood and our city, and the education of citizens, groups and government bodies with respect to such issues and problems;

B. serving as a voice for our neighborhood in representing our views and testimony before private and public bodies such as service clubs, other neighborhood associations or groups and the City Council on issues and concerns having impact on both our neighborhood and our city;

C. providing better channels of communication and dissemination of accurate information between the government and the citizens at large; and

D. promoting a forum through which citizens may promote and implement neighborhood activities such as long-range planning, public safety programs, and the general livability of the neighborhoods.

Section 3. Boundary. The boundary shall be as follows: That portion of the City of Gresham, Oregon bounded on the north by Burnside, on the east by Hogan, on the south by Powell and on the west by Eastman Parkway.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. The Association shall not deny membership rights or access to the benefits of the Association to any individual on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, heritage, national origin, or income.

Section 2. Membership Dues. No membership dues or fees shall be required in order to belong to the Association. All contributions provided to the Association shall be voluntary.

Section 3. Voting Rights. A voting member is one who owns property, lives or conducts a business within the boundaries of the Association. Upon request, identification may be required for proof of residency. Only voting members are entitled to vote on any Association matter and they can be eligible for election to the Board. Voting shall be done in person.

Article III

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The members of the Association shall hold at least 2 general meetings annually. The annual membership meeting shall be called and held at any location determined by the officers of the Association, but within the Association boundaries or nearest practical location.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or by 10 members. Notice shall be given in the same manner as provided for in Section 3, below.

Section 3. Notice. Emailed, written or printed notice of a membership meeting must include the place, day and hour of the meeting; include the purpose or purposes for which the meeting has been called, shall be delivered not less than fifteen days before the date of the meeting, either personally, by mail or by email, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

To meet the minimum requirement regarding notification of the public at large, a notice shall be posted in a place accessible to the public, such as the Gresham City Web page.

"Emergency" meetings may be called with a minimum of 24 hours notice, although neighborhood associations are encouraged to set meetings and provide notice as far in advance as possible, this is not always feasible. Press releases or phone calls shall be issued to the media. Every effort shall be made to contact members of the association that have attended the last two neighborhood association meetings.

Section 4. Quorum. Those members present at any annual or special meeting of the members constitute a quorum at the meeting provided such members shall be not less than 10. A vote of the majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members, unless a greater proportion is required by the law.

Section 5. Minutes. Minutes shall be taken by the Secretary or a member designated to serve as secretary for that meeting. Minutes shall be available to any one upon request. Minutes will be posted on the Gresham City Web page or by calling the Secretary of the Neighborhood Association.

Article IV

Executive Board Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, Treasurer and Land Use Chair. A list of current officers shall be kept on file with the City of Gresham and on the City Website.

Section 2. Term of Office. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Land Use Chair shall be elected annually by the membership. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Section 3. Vacancies. A vacancy in any Executive Board office because of death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a member chosen by the Executive Board members or by the membership at the next annual meeting or at a special meeting called thereof.

Section 4. Powers and Duties.

A. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board; conduct the business of the Association by mail; appoint committee chairpersons; prepare an annual budget and report; and be responsible for upholding the Association's Bylaws and rules.

The President and Vice-President are jointly responsible for Membership Building.

B. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities of and perform the duties of the president in his absence; be chair of the Bylaws Committee and be responsible for reviewing and updating the bylaws; and perform such other duties as assigned.

C. Secretary. The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all Executive Board and membership meetings; mail notices and information to members as required; maintain a file of Association documents; maintain a file of incoming and outgoing correspondence; and assure that the City receive such information as ordinances require. Provide past minutes to all present at each meeting. And see that all minutes are posted on the City website in a timely fashion.

D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all Association funds; deposit Association funds in such banking institutions as the Executive Board shall authorize; prepare and present monthly operating statements to the Executive Board; chair the Finance Committee; present a financial report at the annual membership meeting; and present a treasurer's report at each meeting.

E. Land Use Chair. The Land Use Chairperson assures the Neighborhood Executive Board is apprised of all Building Projects and land use issues; participate in all Executive and Neighborhood Meetings. Chair is a voting member of the Executive Committee. Chair will report all activity to Neighborhood meetings. Land Use Chairperson attends the Land Use training through the Coalition and the Planning and Design Commissions, etc. as needed.

Article V

Election of Officers

Section 1. Time and Place. The officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the members of the Neighborhood Association in October of each year.

Section 2. Eligibility. Only persons eligible for membership in the Neighborhood Association shall be qualified to hold elected or appointed positions.

Section 3. Election. All nominees shall be submitted to the members present at the annual meeting. Every member present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote for each officer to be elected. Nominees for each office shall be elected according to total number of votes received from the members.

Article VI

Meetings of Executive Board

Section 1. Time and Place. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held one month before regular meetings or as needed, at such time and place as the Executive Board shall determine. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to all members of the Association.

Section 2. Special Meeting. A Special Meeting of the Executive Board may be called by or at the request of the president or any two officers and shall be held at such place as the officers may determine.

Section 3. Notice. Once the time and place of regular board meetings is established and announced, no further notice of such regular meetings shall be required, unless there is a permanent change. Notice of all special meetings of the Executive Board shall be in writing and mailed or delivered to each Executive Board officer at least three days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Board for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Board Decisions. The act of the majority of the officers present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Board unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 6. Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.

Article VII

Standing Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. All standing committees will be in existence for the duration of the Association and members shall be appointed or reappointed on an annual basis.

Section 2. Name and Purpose.

A. Bylaws Committee. The Vice-President shall be the chair of the committee for the purpose of reviewing and updating the bylaws on an annual basis.

B. Finance Committee. The Treasurer will be the chair of the committee for the purpose of preparing a recommended budget for the Association.

C. Land Use Committee. The committee's purpose will be to review proposed land use, road construction and zoning changes that affect the area of the Association. The Land Use committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Board Committee regarding the Association's position and action on such issues.

D. Neighborhood Watch Committee. The purpose of the committee shall be to create an awareness of adverse conditions, provide crime prevention education and assist in establishing crime prevention activities within Association boundaries.

Section 2. Other Committees. All other committees shall be ad hoc and created at the direction of the Executive Board Committee.

Article VIII

Miscellaneous

Section 1. Grievances. Any member objecting to or challenging any action of an officer, committee, or the Board of the Association shall provide written notice to the officer, members of the committee, or

the Executive Board within 15 days of such action specifying the action objected to or challenged and the grounds for the challenge.

The officer, committee, or Board shall review the written objection or challenge and shall consider such action or refer the matter:

A. To the full Executive Board, in the case of a challenge or objection to an action of an officer or committee, or

B. To the members in the case of a challenge or objection to an action of the full Executive Board.

Article IX

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the members at which a quorum is present by a majority vote of all members present and voting at the meeting, provided that notice of such an amendment shall have been given to all members of the Executive Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the amendment is to be approved.

Section 2. Placement. An up-to-date copy of the Bylaws shall be kept with the City of Gresham.

Approved this date of Oct. 11, 2012 by , President