

COLUMBIA RIVER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

PURPOSE

The Columbia River Neighborhood Association (CRNA), formerly known as the East Old Evergreen Highway Neighborhood Association (EOEHNA), is established by the residents in order to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the neighborhood and its residents. The Neighborhood Association may concern itself with a variety of issues and problems that affect livability and quality of life within our immediate community and in Vancouver. This Neighborhood Association (NA) will not enforce any codes, covenants, and restrictions (CC&Rs) in force within the neighborhood association boundaries.

BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the Neighborhood Association are:

- on the west, the existing eastern border of the Old Evergreen Highway Neighborhood Association (Riverwood Lane/Silver Springs);
- on the north, Hwy 14;
- on the south, the Columbia River;
- on the east, the eastern boundary of the City of Vancouver's Urban Growth Boundary. (This includes property that is not yet in the city limits of Vancouver, but is in the process of being annexed at this writing. August 21, 2007).

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the neighborhood association shall include all residents, property owners, business licensees, and representatives of non-profit organizations within the neighborhood boundaries.

VOTING

To be a voting member, a resident must be 18 years of age or older. Each business or nonprofit organization within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Association may designate one (1) person to be a voting member and that person must be 18 years of age or older. (NOTE: Developers and/or owners of unimproved land/lots held for resale and/or development, within the Neighborhood Association boundaries are considered a business and therefore only eligible for one vote, regardless of the amount of land or number of lots owned.) An official report of all decisions shall record both majority and minority views of an issue.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All officers are elected to a two-year term, with regularly scheduled elections in October. A nominating committee will be appointed by the executive board two (2) months prior to election. Nominations may also be presented by members at any meeting, and shall be registered by the Secretary. Nominees must be eligible members of the association.

OFFICERS

The officers of the Neighborhood Association shall be the chair or co-chairs, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor. An officer shall preside over all meetings, planning sessions and activities of the Association. The duties of each officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Chair/Co-chairs: Act as the primary executive officer(s) and preside over all deliberations and activities of the Association. The chair or chairs, or their designated alternates, shall be the official spokesperson(s) of the Association.

Secretary: Act in conjunction with the chair or co-chairs; keep the minutes of all the Association's public and executive meetings. Document the decisions of the Executive Board, and their ratification by the general membership, and any dissenting minority opinions submitted in writing. Communicate with the City as required for updates to City website.

Treasurer: Act in conjunction with the chair or co-chairs; maintain the finances and financial reports of the Association.

Newsletter Editor: Act in conjunction with the chair or co-chairs; be responsible for the production of the newsletter any electronic methods the Association chooses to implement.

COMMITTEES

Special committees to address specific concerns, issues, or activities may be appointed by the Chair(s) as necessary. All committees shall have Chairpersons. Chairpersons shall serve on the Executive Board during the duration of their service as committee chairs. An officer of the Neighborhood Association may also serve as a committee chair, but casts a single vote in Executive Board decisions.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Members of the executive board will include the officers and all committee chairs. All officers must be voting members who reside within the East Old Evergreen Highway Neighborhood or whose businesses or nonprofits are based within the neighborhood's boundaries. The Executive board may act on the behalf of the Association as necessary and meet as required to conduct the activities of the association. Executive Board decisions are based on a simple majority, and are subject to confirmation at a meeting of the general membership. Executive board meetings are open to the public.

GENERAL MEETINGS

A general meeting of the membership shall be held not less than every year, but other meetings of the membership may be called by the Executive Board as necessary. An agenda shall be published any time a meeting is announced. Members will be asked to sign an Attendance Roster at every General Meeting. All decisions must be reached by a majority vote of those present. The official report of all decisions shall record both majority and minority views of an issue.

FINANCES

The treasurer will manage the finances and financial records. Membership contributions shall be voluntary. Other contributions, grants, and fundraising revenues may be used by the association as required. Contributions may be designated by donors for a specific purpose.

COMMUNICATION

A member of the association can act as a representative of the Neighborhood Association only if directed by the Chair(s) of the association. When the Neighborhood Association presents to the City its official position on an issue or proposed action, it shall identify the date of the general membership meeting and the vote tally for and against the position asserted by the Association. The standard communication methods provided by the Office of Neighborhoods will be used for public communication of general meetings and other issues. Email, websites, and other electronic methods may be used to provide more frequent updates.

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of those present only at a regularly scheduled general meeting. Prior written notification of any such amendment shall be made to the membership no less than thirty days prior to the meeting. Bylaw changes shall be filed in writing with the Office of Neighborhoods within 60 days of the revision

DISSOLUTION

The Association may dissolve itself by taking a vote in the same fashion as any issue to be decided. Prior written notification of the upcoming dissolution vote shall be made to the membership no less than 60 days prior to the meeting.

VMC COMPLIANCE

The association shall conform to the requirements of Vancouver Municipal Code Chapter 2.75 regarding Neighborhood Associations.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2015 by a vote of the general membership.

Serena Lucey, Co-Chair

Carol Terrell, Secretary

Roger Parsons, Co-Chair

Janet Whitfield, Treasurer