

BYLAWS

FRUIT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

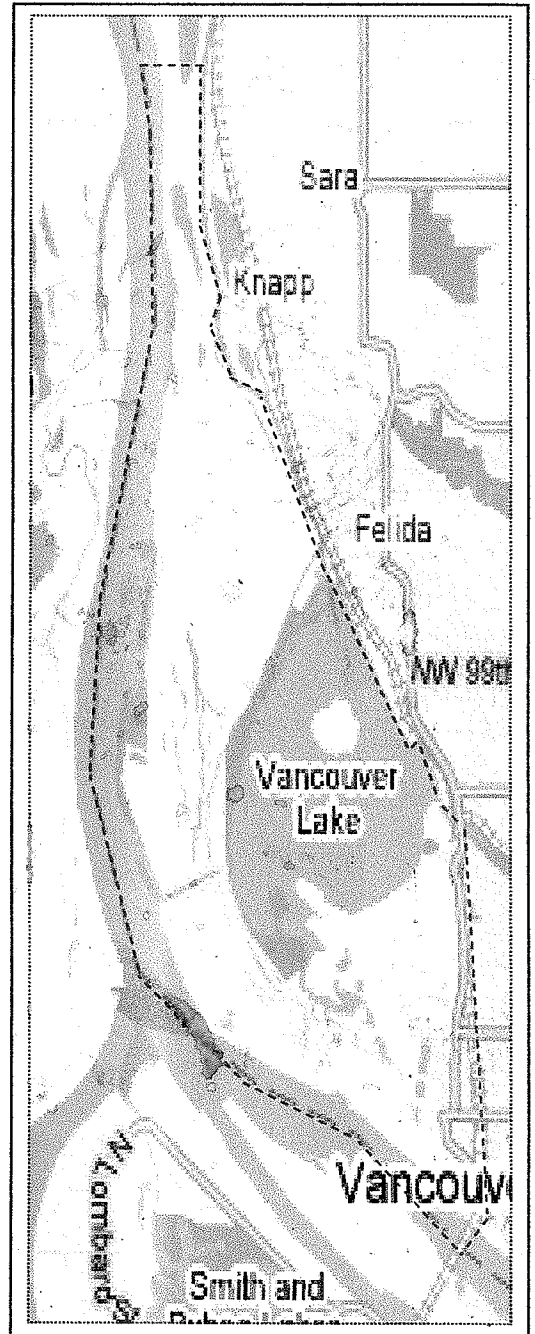
MISSION STATEMENT

The Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association is established by the residents of the Fruit Valley Neighborhood in order to unite the common interests, to promote the welfare of the neighborhood, its residents and businesses. The Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association shall concern itself with a variety of goals. These will include the livability of the neighborhood and the community in general.

BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association will be as follows:

- East along the east side of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail road to,
- Burnt Bridge Creek over to the eastern shore, high water level of Vancouver Lake and,
- Following the lakes high water mark around to the most northern point of Vancouver Lake, then,
- Following Lake River north to a point in-line with NW 199th Street and
- West to the state line in the middle of the Columbia River then,
- Following the state line south and east until reaching the eastern edge of the railroad bridge and connecting to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe line again.



MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association is open to all residents, property owner, business licensee (or their designated representative) doing business in the neighborhood and a designated representative of non-profit organizations within the boundaries of this neighborhood.

VOTING

- All voting members must be at least 18 years old and meet the membership requirements.
- Voting may be by voice or secret ballot to be decided by the membership before a vote is taken.
- There will be no proxy votes.
- Designated representatives of all business licensee and non-profit organizations with a permanent street address located within the boundaries of the neighborhood will have one vote, per entity

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

- The officers of the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association shall be as follows:
- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, & Sgt. At Arms.
- There will be four board members elected to serve on the board of directors.
- There will be an opening for one Honorary Student Board Member from the Fruit Valley Learning Center.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

- President
- The president will act as the executive officer and preside over all deliberations and activities of the Neighborhood Association
- The President has the authority to appoint any member to complete the term of an officer or board member protem.
- The President is the official spokesperson for the association, and/or will appoint a spokesperson.
- The President will commit to serving one year as a mentor to the next President.
- The President may only vote in case of a tie
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Vice-President

- The Vice-President will assist the President in all duties
- The Vice-President will perform the duties of the President in his absence.
- The Vice-President will oversee the Block Watch and C.E.R.T. team.

Secretary

- The secretary will keep the minutes of all associations' public and executive board meetings.

Treasurer

- The Treasurer will maintain the financial records of the association.
- The Treasurer may appoint an Assistant Treasurer.

Sgt. At Arms

- The Sgt. At Arms will be versed in Common Sense Rules.
- The Sgt. At Arms will help maintain order in the meetings and association functions.

Honorary Student Board Member

- The honorary student board member represents the Fruit Valley Learning Center.
- The honorary student board member will report to the board on issues affecting fellow students.
- The honorary student board member must be in the 5th grade.

Board Members

- The past president is an automatic member of the board of directors and will act as advisor to the new president.
- Board members will head various committees within the association.
- Executive board members must meet the qualifications of a neighborhood association member.
- Board members may not represent the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association in any capacity without advanced approval of the board.
- Four (4) at-large board members will be appointed the first time and then elected the second time.
- At-large board members will be designated A, B, C, & D.
- All executive board members must provide their address and phone number to the secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Election of officers will be held each year in February.
- Officers will be elected every two years in the following manner:
 - President, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and At-Large Board Members A & B will stand for election on even numbered years.
 - Vice-President, Treasurer, Sgt. At Arms, and At-Large Board Members C & D will stand for election on odd numbered years.
 - There will be no term limits.

NOMINATIONS

- To be nominated for either an officer position or a board member, a person must have attended fifty (50%) percent of the meetings in the preceding year, or
- Must have served on an active Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association committee, and
- Must be eligible for membership in the neighborhood.

REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER

- An officer or board member may be removed from office for failure to do their duty, by a simple majority vote of the executive board.
- An officer or board member removed by vote of the executive board will have the opportunity to contest their removal.
- Any member of the neighborhood may bring a grievance regarding the conduct of a neighborhood association officer or board member, as long as it is a neighborhood issue.
- The process shall be:
 - Each side must present their case to the Board of Directors
 - 2/3 vote of the board to remove the officer will remove the officer.
 - The officer under removal will have the opportunity to present their case at the next general membership meeting and ask them to over rule the Board, a simple majority will over rule the Board.

COMMITTEES AND BOARD MEETINGS

- Special committees may be appointed by the president, only when necessary.
- The executive board must meet not less than once per month to discuss neighborhood business.
- All decisions made by the executive board must be confirmed at the next regular meeting of the general membership.

MEETINGS

- General meetings will be held no less than 11 times a year.
- In and emergency, the executive board may call a special meeting.
- All decisions must be reached by simple majority, providing a quorum is present.
- Common sense rules will govern all meetings.

QUORUM

- A quorum will be reached with the attendance of three (3) board members.
- For any emergency, the president may contact by phone, in person, or e-mail, to get a simple majority vote on any emergency issue.

FUNDING

- The Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association will accept voluntary contributions, grants, subscriptions, or funds from fund raising activities.
- These funds may be used by the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association as needed.
- Membership dues are prohibited.

DISSENT

- Adequate time and avenues for minority dissent and appeal of actions taken by the association must be provided by the executive board of the neighborhood association
- All questions may be arbitrated by mutually accepted third party, or city staff.

Changes and amendments to these bylaws must be approved by the Board of Directors and then voted on by the general membership.

VOTED ON AND APPROVED

APRIL 3, 2008

E.L. "LEE" McCALLISTER, PRESIDENT

REVISIONS APPROVED AT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.