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NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

The Northwest Neighborhood Association is established by the residents of the northwest neighborhood in order to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the neighborhood and its residents. The Northwest Neighborhood Association shall concern itself with a variety of problems including but not limited to matters affecting livability of the neighborhood in general.

BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the Northwest Neighborhood Association are:

Southern:

East from the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks along the extension of West 43rd Street and continuing along the center of West 43rd Street and Lincoln Avenue;

North along the center of Lincoln Avenue to West 45th Street;

East along the center of West 45th Street to Franklin Street;

North along the center of Franklin Street to West 46th Street;

East along the center of West 46th Street to the City Limits.

Eastern:

Along the eastern City Limits i.e. those roughly following the Columbia Street extension and the Northern Pacific Railroad tracks to 78th Street ;

Northern:

Along the northern City Limits to 78th Street;

Western:

The Burlington Northern Railroad tracks between the northern City Limits and the extension of West 43rd Street.

These boundaries are not permanent but all changes must meet with the approval of all affected citizens. Disputes shall be arbitrated by persons mutually selected by contesting parties.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Northwest Neighborhood Association is open to all residents, property owners, business licensees, and non-profit organizations within the boundaries of this neighborhood.

VOTING

1. All members 18 years and older who reside inside the neighborhood boundaries are entitled to one vote. No proxies.
2. All members residing outside the neighborhood boundaries may take part in all debate but are not allowed to vote.
3. Voting may be by voice vote or secret ballot as decided by the membership prior to the election.

OFFICERS

The officers of the Northwest Neighborhood Association shall be a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. The above officers shall preside over all meetings, planning sessions and activities of the neighborhood association. The duties of each officer shall be, but are not limited to the following:

President: Act as the primary executive officer and preside over all deliberations and activities of the neighborhood association, be the official spokesperson for the association.

Vice-President: Assist the President in all duties and perform the functions of the President in his absence and also serve as a spokesperson for the association.

Secretary-Treasurer: Act in conjunction with the officers, keep the minutes of all of the association's public and executive meetings, also serve as a spokesperson for the association, maintain the financial records of the association and notify members of meetings and activities in advance.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Members of the Executive Board will include the officers and the committee chairmen. All officers must reside within the boundaries of the neighborhood.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected annually. Officers are limited to two terms consecutively. Elections to refill vacant positions shall occur whenever such vacancies occur.

COMMITTEES

Special committees to handle specific concerns may be appointed by the President as necessary.

MEETINGS

The Executive Board of the neighborhood association must meet not less than once a month to discuss neighborhood business.

All decisions made by the Executive Board must be confirmed by a meeting of the general membership.

A general meeting of all the membership must be held not less than once every three months, but (emergency) meetings may be called by the Executive Board.

All decisions must be reached by majority vote of the membership attending the general meeting providing a quorum is present.

The official report of all decisions must record both majority and minority concerns.

QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of at least two of the elected officers and ten members of the association.

FUNDING

Membership fees shall not bar any resident from membership or voting. Voluntary dues, contributions, contracts, grants, subscriptions or fund-raising activities may be used by the neighborhood association, as desired.

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 acceptable third party committee or city staff.