

**BYLAWS FOR THE
VAN MALL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

I. PURPOSE

The Van Mall Neighborhood Association is established in order to promote common interests and welfare of the neighborhood and its residents. The Van Mall Neighborhood Association shall concern itself with a variety of community issues and challenges including, but not limited to matters affecting the quality of life in the neighborhood or the community in general.

II. BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the Van Mall Neighborhood Association are as follows: Vancouver city limits on the North; SR 500 on the South; 94th Ave on the East, city limits on the West.

Boundary changes are subject to approval of the Van Mall Neighborhood Association. Disputes shall be arbitrated by persons mutually selected by the contestant parties.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Van Mall Neighborhood Association membership is open to all residents, property owners, business licensees, and non-profit organizations within the boundaries of the neighborhood, as outlined in number 2 (Boundaries).

IV. VOTING

All members of the Van Mall Neighborhood Association eighteen (18) years and older who reside in the neighborhood are entitled to vote on all matters brought before the Association. No proxies shall be taken. Voting may be by voice vote or secret ballot as decided by the membership in advance of the vote. Each business within the Van Mall boundaries shall have one (1) vote.

V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Van Mall Neighborhood Association shall be the Chair or Co-Chairs as circumstances may dictate, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. In the event Co-Chairs are elected, the position of Vice-Chair may remain vacant. In addition, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. The officers shall preside over all meetings, planning sessions, and activities of the Association. All newly elected

officers must be an active member of the neighborhood association. The duties of the officers shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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

Vice-Chair: Shall act in the absence of the Chair / Co-Chairs and perform such other duties as required.

Secretary: Shall act in conjunction with the other officers; keep minutes of all Association and Executive Board meetings; and notify members of meeting and activities in advance.

Treasurer: Shall act in conjunction with officers; maintain the financial records of the Association.

VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall be composed of the Officers of the Association and committee chairs. The Executive Board may act on behalf of the Association as necessary and meet as required to conduct the activities of the Association. All decisions made by the Executive Board are subject to confirmation at a meeting of the general membership.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected annually in October. Officers shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms of service in a particular position and a total of four (4) consecutive terms of service on the Executive Board. Elections to fill vacant positions shall occur whenever a vacancy exists.

VIII. COMMITTEES

Special committees to address specific concerns, issues, or activities may be appointed by the Chair / Co-Chairs as necessary. All committees shall have Chairs or Co-Chairs. Chairs and/or Co-Chairs shall serve on the Executive Board during the duration of their service as committee chairs.

IX. MEETINGS

A general meeting of the membership shall be held not less than once every three months, but other meetings of the membership may be called by the Executive Board as necessary. Other meetings may be called by the Executive Board as necessary. An agenda shall be published any time a meeting is announced.

All decisions must be reached by a majority vote. A quorum is reached when attendance of voting members is greater than 50% of the average voting member attendance of the last two general meetings, and two officers are present. The official report of all decisions shall record both majority and minority concerns.

X. FUNDING

Voluntary dues, contributions, contracts, grants, subscriptions or fundraising activities may be used by the association as desired. Customary basic operating expenditures require only consensus of Officers. Any expenditure over fifty (50) dollars shall be approved by the voting membership.

XI. DISSOLUTION

The Association may dissolve itself by taking a vote in the same fashion as any issue to be decided.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Signed this ____ day of _____, 1995:

Karen Ciocia, Chairperson

Bob Reiersgaard, Vice-Chairperson

David Joarnt, Secretary

Troy Dreiling, Treasurer