



WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

Neighborhood Association

2017 Bylaws Amendments

Vote YES or NO for each of the following changes:

1. "General overall edits of the Bylaws."

The WHNA Board of Directors has reviewed the current revision of the Bylaws and corrected typographical errors, capitalization, spacing, punctuation, the geographical borders (Highway 41 changed to Highway 175), and concise language and terminology. The suggested edits have been posted to the WHNA website, www.whna.net.

A YES vote adopts these edits of the bylaws.

- YES
 NO

2. "Removal of Article II – Mission Statement and Removal of Article III – Goals from the Bylaws"

The Mission Statement and Goals of Washington Heights Neighborhood Association are to be removed from the current bylaws, and instead created as a Board-approved policy. The best practice of not-for-profit associations is to have these two items in their overall guiding policies, and not in the bylaws. The articles will be renumbered as appropriate once removed.

A YES vote adopts this edit of the bylaws

- YES
 NO

3. "Renaming the Block Watch Committee to Neighborhood Safety Committee and changing the committee description"

Article XV – Committees, 15:2(4), states the following:

"Block Watch. Develop and implement programs and activities designed to promote and encourage growth of number and effectiveness of block watches in the Neighborhood. Interact with the Milwaukee Police Department regarding the same. Maintain and update list of area block watch captains."

The new description shall read:

"Neighborhood Safety. Implement programs and provide resources that promote neighborhood safety to:

- * Encourage blocks to become active and organized through block watches/clubs or other formats
- * Encourage interaction, communication and relationship-building between neighbors
- * Connect residents to law enforcement and other community resources"

A YES vote adopts this edit of the bylaws

- YES
 NO



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4. “Strike language of standing committee membership requirement by Board Members.”

Article VI – Board of Directors, 6:5(c) requires that area representatives are to serve on one of the permanent committees. This requirement shall be removed.

Article VI – Board of Directors, 6:6 requires that At-Large Representatives will be assigned to serve on one of the permanent committees, except the Executive Committee. This requirement shall be removed.

A YES vote adopts this edit of the bylaws

- YES
 NO

5. “Change ‘monthly meeting’ to ‘at least nine (9) times per fiscal year’”

Article VI – Board of Directors, 6:5(d) and Article XV – Committees, 15:2(1) refers to board monthly meetings. The recommendation is that “monthly” is changed to, “at least nine (9) board meetings per fiscal year.” This language would be inserted in both Articles.

A YES vote adopts this edit of the bylaws

- YES
 NO

6. “Change the responsibility of committee reports to the Board from ‘At-Large Representative’ to the ‘Committee Chair or designee’”

Article VI – Board of Directors, 6:6 states “The At-Large Representative will be responsible for forwarding committee reports to the Executive Committee, assisting with funding request submittals, and ensuring the committee is meeting on a regular basis.” The WHNA Board feels that this should be the responsibility of the Committee Chairperson.

Additionally, the following language would be stricken from Article XV- Committees, 15:2

“It shall be the responsibility of all committees to meet on a regular basis and to submit written reports to the Board of Directors.”

The following language would be added in place to Article XV- Committees, 15:2:

“The Committee Chairperson, or designee, will be responsible for forwarding committee minutes, annual budgets, and other written correspondence or reports to the Executive Committee, and ensuring the committee meets on a regular basis.”

A YES vote adopts this edit of the bylaws

- YES
 NO