

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association By-Laws

This organization shall be known as the Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association (the Association, or GPNA).

GPNA is a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) that is recognized by the City of Springfield, Missouri, and maintains a 501c3 non-profit tax status.

Article I: Purpose

The Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association will be a non-partisan, neighborhood and community-focused group. We are committed to building a safer, more caring neighborhood and improving the quality of life in the neighborhood and Springfield community.

GPNA is not a homeowner's association, but actively encourages neighbors to address and resolve issues together in a spirit of comradery and neighborhood pride.

Article II: Boundaries

The Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association will cover all land contained within the following boundaries: Battlefield Street on the north, Campbell Avenue on the east, James River Freeway on the south, and Kansas Expressway on the west.

Article III: Members

Membership in the Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association shall be open to all residents within the stated boundaries in Article II. Business donors are greatly appreciated but do not have voting privileges.

Section 1. Membership Donations

Residents located within the stated boundaries are allowed one vote per household upon a donation of \$15 or greater. Businesses are encouraged to support the organization by making a \$25 or greater donation.

Annual donations are due by April 1 of each year and overdue on April 30. The GPNA fiscal year is from April 1 to March 31.

Section 2. Meetings

GPNA membership meetings will be a minimum of quarterly.

Any additional meetings or activities will be announced and promoted with 48 hours notice, when possible.

Section 3. Quorum

At any meeting, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee and all other voting members in good standing in attendance to conduct official business of the Association.

Section 4. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the four (4) elected officers and the chairpersons of each standing committee as defined in the Standing Rules. The immediate past president may serve in an honorary advisory role.

Each officer will serve a two-year term with the option of a second term, by approval of the membership.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. President

The Association will be governed by the one serving as President.

The President will conduct the meetings of the organization, coordinate information, oversee activities and represent the organization to the public.

Section 2. Vice President

The Vice-President of the organization shall assist the President in all responsibilities listed above and serve in their absence.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary of the organization will be responsible for taking, printing and distributing minutes for the organization. The Secretary is the official keeper of the records of the organization.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer of the organization is responsible for the funds of the organization.

The Treasurer receives and disburses the monies of the organization as directed by the membership. All reports are filed for audit.

Article V: Elections

At the first meeting of an election year, an ad hoc Nominating Committee of three (3) people will be formed by the membership. The chair of this committee will be from the Executive Committee and two from the membership at large. A slate of officers will be presented at a second quarter meeting of an election year for a vote. Robert's Rules of Order will govern the election. Each candidate must be asked ahead of time if they are willing to serve and must have paid membership. The current officers shall continue to serve until the newly elected officers have been installed.

Article VI: Special Committees

Ad hoc committees may be formed by the Executive Committee to address specific issues and needs. The committee meetings shall be open to the public, and shall be recorded with minutes and reported to the Secretary of the organization.

Article VII: Standing Rules

Standing Rules are an integral part of these Bylaws and contain specific operating procedures that may be changed at any meeting of the Executive Committee with prior notice given to all Executive Committee members and two thirds majority vote.

Article VIII: Amendments

These bylaws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the membership at a regular scheduled meeting if notice has been communicated to announce the upcoming vote.

The bylaw revisions will be available in hard copy at the meeting preceding the vote and at the meeting on the day of the vote.

Article IX: Dissolution Clause

Should this 501c3 organization vote to close, it will work with the representative from the City of Springfield in charge of registered neighborhood groups, to determine how to properly distribute its assets.

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