

# By-laws of Allendale Crime Watch Association, Inc.

## 1. Name

Effective May 26, 2017, by a filing with the State of Florida, the corporation registered the fictitious name of "Allendale Neighborhood Association". In accordance with this change the corporation may now do business as, and represent itself as, Allendale Neighborhood Association or Allendale Crime Watch Association.

## 2. Tax Exempt Status

Allendale Crime Watch is a Florida not-for-profit corporation. It is not registered with the IRS for non-profit status under section 501(c) of IRS regulations. Therefore, donations by its members, are not tax-deductible.

## 3. Purposes

In conjunction with the name change and the publication of these by-laws, the primary purposes of the corporation are threefold:

(1) to insure the safety of the neighborhood by addressing and providing relief from any crimes, or criminal intent, by working with the City of St. Petersburg police department and with all residents within the Crime Watch boundaries; to this end, the corporation shall maintain its status with the City as a recognized crime watch association;

(2) to promote communication, friendship, and a sense of community, between and among all residents.

(3) to preserve and protect the established character, beauty, and "de facto property standards" of the neighborhood by working with residents and with the City to enforce all applicable codes and zoning regulations.

## 4. Boundaries

The area served by the corporation is bounded on the South by 38th Ave. N., on the West by the alley to the east of Haines road and by 16th St. N., on the North by 45th Ave. N., and on the East by MLK St. N.

## 5. CONA Participation

The corporation shall maintain a membership in good standing in the St. Petersburg Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA)

## 6. Membership

All residents within the above stated boundaries are eligible for membership and are deemed members unless a specific request to be excluded is received by the Board.

There is no mandatory dues requirement. Instead, the corporation encourages voluntary donations of any amount from all members.

## 7. Officers

The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a first vice president, a vice president of CONA Affairs, a secretary, and a treasurer.

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall preside at all general meetings and board meetings. The president shall also authorize any and all disbursements of funds.

The First Vice President shall fill in for the president in his/her absence.

The Vice President of CONA Affairs is the designated representative to CONA and shall (directly or by an appointed alternate) represent the corporation at all CONA functions.

The Secretary shall maintain and publish minutes of all general membership meetings and Board meetings.

The Treasurer shall maintain the books and the checking account of the corporation. Each check shall require two officer signatures.

## **8. Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall consist of all officers, and from one to four "at-large" members. All officers and Board members shall serve a one year term and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

## **9. Meetings**

There shall be one general membership meeting in the spring of each year.

The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly or when necessary.

## **10. Elections**

Each year in January, the President shall request by email to all members, the names of individuals interested in serving as Board members for the coming year.

Two weeks before the annual membership meeting the president, on behalf of the Board, shall communicate to all members a recommended slate of officers and Board members for the coming year.

Members shall be asked to vote by email, yea or nay, for the recommended slate. If nay votes prevail, new elections shall be held by ballot at the annual meeting.

Between annual meetings, the president may make appointments to fill any arising Board vacancies.

## **11. Communications**

The President and secretary shall maintain a data base of all residents in the neighborhood to facilitate communications and to meet Police crime watch regulations. All official communications to the membership shall be via email.

The president, or his/her designated representative, shall be the only authorized person to communicate with the local media and/or City Officials on behalf of the Association.

## **12. Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended at any time by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

(Adopted by vote of the Board March 5, 2018)