

Near West Side Neighborhood Association

CONSTITUTION

As amended 10 October 1995

MEMBERSHIP

Voting Membership shall be limited to persons age 17 and over who live in the Single Family Residential zone bounded by Adams and Rogers Streets and between the CSX (formerly L&N) Railroad tracks and Kirkwood (5th Street), and who have paid dues as specified in the by-laws. Associate members shall consist of all persons who have interests in common with the Near West Side Neighborhood and who have paid dues as specified in the by-laws. Associate members shall have the right to attend meetings and present their views, but shall not have the right to vote.

MEETINGS

Advertised General Meetings will be held quarterly and will be open to the public. Additional general meetings may be called as needed by the President, or by a petition signed by any three board members, or by one third of the voting membership. Time, date, and place of all meetings shall be determined by the President in accordance with any directions from the Board or as specified in the By-Laws. Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held as called by the President, or any three other Board Members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the four Officers and up to four Directors-At-Large. The Board shall have general management of the Association's actions, and may pass resolutions and directives in conformity with the expressed vote of the voting membership. When no such formal direction has been provided by the membership, the Board may pass resolutions and directives on its own initiative after making a good faith effort to elicit the comments and opinions of the membership by informal means.

OFFICERS

The officers of the Near West Side Neighborhood Association shall be elected at the spring meeting each year from the voting membership and shall serve until the end of the spring meeting at which elections are held the next year.

*The **PRESIDENT** shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings of the membership and Board, and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the nominating committee. The president shall appoint committees and committee chairs, report to the membership, and set agendas for meetings.

*The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall act on behalf of the President in the event that the President is unable for any reason to perform the duties of the office, shall chair the nominating committee, and shall perform such duties as may be directed by the President or the Board. If the Presidency becomes vacant during a term of office, the Vice President shall become President for the remainder of that term.

*The **SECRETARY** shall attend all meetings of the membership and Board, and shall preserve minutes of the proceedings of the meetings. The Secretary shall execute notices of all general meetings and perform other duties delegated by the President or the Board.

*The **TREASURER** shall have custody of the funds and shall keep accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The treasurer shall disburse funds as ordered by the Board of Directors or the membership, shall render an account of financial condition at general meetings, and shall from time to time perform other such duties as delegated by the President or the Board.

***INCOMPLETE TERMS:** In the event that an office, except for President, becomes vacant during a term of office, the Board of Directors shall nominate a replacement, who will serve out the absent officer's term. The new appointment will be subject to ratification by a vote of the membership at the next General Meeting. An officer who fails to perform the duties of the office may be impeached by the majority vote of all other Directors, and if so impeached may be removed from office by a majority vote of the entire voting membership.

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE:

Up to four Directors-At-Large may be appointed by majority vote of all of the officers, and shall serve for a term of one year from the date of appointment. They shall have full voting rights on the Board. Directors-At-Large may be removed at any general meeting by majority vote of the entire voting membership of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of the Association may be amended by a vote in favor of the amendment by sixty percent of the entire voting membership of the Association at two successive General Meetings. The By-Laws of the Association may be amended by the vote of a simple majority of those voting members present at two successive General Meetings.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Near West Side Neighborhood Association is a voluntary organization dedicated to:

- *Fostering better communication between area residents,
- *Protecting our Single Family Residential zoning status,
- *Taking a prepared approach to local representation, and
- *Encouraging neighborhood pride.

The Association is non-partisan and will not, as a body, endorse any candidate running for public office.

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BY-LAWS

Adopted 1995
Amended 2002

DUES: The dues of the Association shall be two and one half dollars (\$2.50) per year for an individual, or five dollars (\$5.00) per year for a household, payable at the time of joining and again at the first general meeting of the year.

Additional voluntary collections may be made at any meeting.