Delridge Neighborhoods District Council

Bylaws

The name of the organization shall be Delridge Neighborhoods District Council. The area of the council shall be bounded on the west by 35th Avenue SW, on the north by Spokane Street, on the east by 509, and Duwamish River, and on the south by Roxbury.

I. PURPOSE

The district council shall provide leadership and facilitate communication for community-based activities within its area, coordination of projects, review of the City's capital budgets, make recommendations on applications for matching fund grants, and help to strengthen neighborhood organizations and groups.

II. GOALS

Create a partnership between the City and its neighborhoods.

Respond to City plans, regulations and programs, and their impacts on service areas.

Strengthen and coordinate City departments' responses to neighborhood problems.

Strengthen neighborhood organizations and groups.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Any neighborhood/business group, agreed to by two-thirds of the voting membership, will be granted voting privileges. Each present group shall have one voting member representing only one neighborhood/business group.

Membership in the Delridge Neighborhoods District Council shall be open to any neighborhood group that organizes to represent the

interests and the common good of neighborhoods or businesses within the geographical boundaries.

Any neighborhood/business group, organized for a minimum of ninety days will be granted voting privileges.

The designated voting representative or alternate should be formally identified by the group represent.

Non-member residents and business persons may participate fully in council activities, except for voting and holding office; officers and committee chairs shall be voting members.

Benevolent organizations, such as Lions, Eagles, Kiwanis, Rotary, Elks, etc. or political organizations shall not be members.

At large resident and/or business members may be appointed with the approval of 2/3 of the membership present for a term of no longer than 3 months, with the possibility of renewal subject to the approval by 2/3 vote of the membership present.

Nonprofit groups such as PTSAs and small cultural groups will be promoted for membership.

IV. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order, duly revised including the use of a Parliamentarian.

An annual meeting shall be held in the first quarter of the year for the purpose of electing new officers and installing voting members from the neighborhood/business groups. Notification shall be the responsibility of the current executive officer.

A minimum of four (4) meetings shall be held per year. Special meetings shall be called by the President or by the representatives with the President's consent.

All groups shall be notified in writing of the purpose, place, day, and hour of all meetings of the members and, in case of special meetings, the purposes for which the meeting is called, and such notices shall be delivered not less than seven (7) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting.

All decisions shall be made by consensus, consensus being defined as a group solidarity in sentiment and belief.

It is recommended that the Delridge Neighborhoods District Council have a joint meeting with closely associated Neighborhood District Councils one week prior to the City Neighborhood Council meeting.

V. QUORUM AND VOTING OF MEMBERS

A quorum shall consist of 1/2 of the current members of the Delridge Neighborhoods District Council.

Each neighborhood/business representative shall be entitled to vote. A neighborhood/business group may not vote by proxy.

In all elections for officers each neighborhood/business group shall be entitled to vote for the position to be filled.

The majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the neighborhood/business representatives present, at which a quorum is present, shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members. Each representative may have an alternate elected by that neighborhood/business group and approved by 2/3 of the members present.

VI. OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and one City Neighborhood Council Representative for business and one City Neighborhood Council Representative for the community.

President -- The President shall preside at all meetings, shall cause to be called regular and special meetings, and perform all the duties incident to the position and office, including the appointment of a Parliamentarian, and other such offices as required.

Vice President -- During the absence or inability of the President to render and perform duties or exercise powers, as set forth in these By-Laws, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Vice President. When so acting, said Vice President shall have all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities hereby given to or imposed upon such President.

If both President and Vice President are absent, the council shall choose an interim chairperson for the meeting.

Secretary -- The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and attend to all correspondence and perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary.

Treasurer -- The Treasurer shall be responsible for all monetary matters before the Delridge Neighborhoods District Council.

The Board of Directors for the Delridge Neighborhoods District Council shall consist of all officers and the City Neighborhood Council representatives.

Terms -- Officers shall be elected during the annual meetings in the first calendar quarter of the year.

VII. COMMITTEES

The President may establish temporary committees, the members of which shall hold office for such periods deemed necessary by the members. Chairperson of a committee will be elected by members of the committee. Vacancies on committees shall be filled by the President.

VIII. NONDISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The council strives to provide an opportunity for all residents to participate that is free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap.

IX. CHANGE OF BYLAWS

A 2/3 vote of all current members must be present to conduct a vote on changing the bylaws. A majority of this special quorum can approve a change to the bylaws.

Notice must be provided to all members prior to the proposed bylaws change vote according to Section IV.

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