

ARTICLE: Neighborhood Committees

Section 1.

- a. All 2010 perimeter boundaries of NWDA stand.
- b. Within these boundaries, NW 21st Avenue and NW Lovejoy are the two streets that unite all four Unique Neighborhoods as they are the only two streets that all four unique neighborhoods share.
- c. NWDA shall retain exclusive oversight of all planning, transportation, public safety, livability, environmental and ad hoc issues on NW 21st Avenue and NW Lovejoy Street and oversight of all property and lots abutting either NW 21st and/or NW Lovejoy.
- d. There is a "Unique Neighborhood" in the NW District in the area east of NW 21st Avenue and north of NW Lovejoy.

There is a "Unique Neighborhood" in the NW District in the area east of NW 21st Avenue and south of NW Lovejoy.

There is a "Unique Neighborhood" in the NW District in the area west of NW 21st Avenue and north of NW Lovejoy.

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Section 2.

- a. Each Unique Neighborhood in the NW District will have its own "Neighborhood Committee".
- b. All Neighborhood Committee members and Neighborhood Committee elected officials must be eligible to also be a member of NWDA pursuant to NWDA ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP RULES
- c. To form a Neighborhood Committee, there must be a minimum of three members and a maximum of fifteen members who meet both the eligibility requirements of NWDA ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP RULES and 2.d. below.
- d. To be a member of a Neighborhood Committee or to be an elected official on a Neighborhood Committee, in addition to NWDA ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP RULES a Neighborhood Committee member must either live in, or own a business, or supervise a school, house of worship, or non-profit physically in the Unique Neighborhood represented by its Neighborhood Committee.

Each Neighborhood Committee will elect a chair pursuant to NWDA ARTICLE VI Section 4.

Each Neighborhood Committee will elect a secretary to keep or cause to be kept, minutes of the proceedings of all meetings and an up to-date roster of Neighborhood Committee members.

g. Each Neighborhood Committee will meet face-to-face, in person, in public, within its boundaries at least once a month and the Neighborhood Committee will follow all State of Oregon open record and open meetings rules.

h. The chair will be empowered to call more than one Neighborhood Committee meeting per month if needed over and above the one required meeting. All additional meetings must be held in public following Oregon open meeting rules. And any additional meeting called by the Neighborhood Committee chair may be either live in person or held publicly live via electronic video-conferencing such as ... but not limited to ... Skype or Vonage.

Section 3.

a. Each Neighborhood Committee chair will represent his or her Neighborhood Committee on the NWDA Board of Directors and will cast a vote on the NWDA Board based solely on the decisions of the Neighborhood Committee she or he represents.

b. Serving as chair of a Neighborhood Committee fulfills NWDA ARTICLE V, BOARD OF DIRECTORS requirement that NWDA board members must serve on one standing or one ad hoc NWDA Committee.

c. Members of every Neighborhood Committee are encouraged to join NWDA at-large standing committees. Examples of these committees are, but are not limited to, planning, transportation, safety, health & environment, and parks & rec.

Section 4.

a. Every board director and every committee chair shall sign a conflict-of-interest statement per NWDA bylaws.

b. Both direct and indirect conflict-of-interest are defined by NWDA ARTICLE V SECTION 6 and are expanded here to include any person with whom a Neighborhood Committee elected official is having sex or is dating.

c. Failure to disclose a conflict-of-interest will result in immediate removal from the board and/or removal from a Neighborhood Committee.

d. No votes to exempt and no exemptions will be made to allow any NWDA elected officials or Neighborhood Committee chair to vote on any issue or bring any issue to

NWDA or to a Neighborhood Committee for a vote if there is a direct or indirect conflict-of-interest.

Section 5.

- a. Only members of a Neighborhood Committee itself can remove an officer of the Neighborhood Committee from the committee and/or as its representative on the NWDA board of directors.
- b. It will take a 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership of a Neighborhood Committee to remove an officer of the Neighborhood Committee and/or remove a Neighborhood Committee officer from the NWDA board of directors.
- c. There will be equal representation on the NWDA Board of Directors from all four unique neighborhoods.
- d. The bylaws herein pertaining to Neighborhood Committees and to the four unique neighborhoods in the NW District supercede any and all other NWDA bylaws which conflict with these Neighborhood Committees bylaws Sections 1 through 7 herein.

Section 6.

- a. The Neighborhood Committee will have executive and sole authority, exclusive of the NWDA board and/or NWDA executives and/or any other NWDA committee, over all transportation, parking, planning, public health, public safety, livability, public parks and spaces, and all ad hoc issues, and all sidewalks and pedestrian ways, bicycle infrastructure, and motor vehicle streets/avenues/places/alleys/roads/highways/freeways that lie exclusively within its Unique Neighborhood.
- b. The Neighborhood Committee can and will issue statements, act, undertake any plan of action, implement any program, or represent or take a position on behalf of itself without any approval or interference by the NWDA Board of Directors, and/or NWDA executives, and/or any other NWDA committee when that statement, act, action, program, or position pertains to issues that are exclusively within the physical boundaries of the unique neighborhood represented by its Neighborhood Committee.
- c. In the case in which one Neighborhood Committee alone has executive authority over transportation, planning, public health, public safety, livability, public parks and spaces, ad hoc issues, sidewalks and pedestrian ways, bicycle infrastructure, and motor vehicle streets/avenues/places/alleys/roads/highways/freeways, the Neighborhood Committee chair shall have executive authority to be able to represent that Neighborhood Committee's decision as NWDA's official position to the mayor and city council of Portland and all of the city's bureaus and agents.

d. The NWDA president, or NWDA board, in consultation with or without the NWDA executive committee or the NWDA board, shall not have the authority to halt temporarily or permanently the actions of a Neighborhood Committee even if NWDA's president, executive committee or board judge the actions of a Neighborhood Committee outside the scope of authority granted it by NWDA.

Section 7.

a. If the transportation, parking, planning, public health, public safety, livability, public parks and spaces, ad hoc issues, sidewalks and pedestrian ways, bicycle infrastructure, and motor vehicle streets/avenues/places/alleys/roads/highways/freeways are shared by two unique neighborhoods within the NW District, then the two Neighborhood Committees of the two affected Unique Neighborhoods within the NW District shall meet in public to jointly and equally decide on the resolutions of those issues and then bring their final, binding decisions together to the NWDA Board as a courtesy.

b. If the transportation, parking, planning, public health, public safety, livability, public parks and spaces, ad hoc issues, sidewalks and pedestrian ways, bicycle infrastructure, and motor vehicle streets/avenues/places/alleys/roads/highways/freeways are shared by three Unique Neighborhoods within the NW District, then the three Neighborhood Committees of the three affected Unique Neighborhoods within the NW District shall meet in public to jointly and equally decide on those issues and then bring their recommendation(s) to the NWDA board and/or to the NWDA planning committee for final approval.

c. In all matters pertaining to NW 21st Avenue and/or NW Lovejoy Street and all lots and property abutting NW 21st Avenue and/or NW Lovejoy Street and all issues concerning transportation, parking, planning, public health, public safety, livability, public parks and spaces, ad hoc issues, sidewalks and pedestrian ways, bicycle infrastructure, and motor vehicle streets /avenues /places /alleys/ roads/ highways/ freeways on or abutting NW 21st and/or NW Lovejoy, then the Neighborhood Committees of all four unique NW District neighborhoods will meet in public to jointly and equally decide on those issues and then bring their recommendation(s) to the NWDA Board, or to the NWDA planning committee for final approval.