

CHARTER

NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

We, residents and friends of this neighborhood (described in Article II below), in order to preserve and improve the natural and man-made environment of this neighborhood in the interest of furthering the welfare of its present and future inhabitants by democratic processes, do hereby establish an association to be known as the North End Neighborhood Association.

Article I. Objectives and Functions

- Section 1. To encourage and facilitate communication and joint efforts among the residents of this area in matters of common concern;
- Section 2. To engage in action of cooperative self-help to protect and develop the neighborhood and to work together in achieving the objectives of this and other neighborhood associations in the best interests of the larger community; and
- Section 3. To serve as an advisory body to influence the decisions of city, county, and state officials on matters of common concern.

Article II. Geographical Area

For matters of association business the geographical area of the North End of Boise, Idaho, shall include that section of the City bounded by State Street on the south, 28th Street on the west, Hill Road on the north from 28th to 13th Streets and the foothills from 13th to 4th Streets, and by 4th Street on the east.

Article III. Membership and Voting Rights

- Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons 18 years or older who reside, work, or own property within the geographic boundaries as stated in Article II.
- Section 2. Membership in the Association shall be attained by eligible persons affixing their names and addresses to the membership list, or by written indication to the secretary of the Association that they desire to become members. Membership shall cease immediately upon termination of residence, lease, or property ownership, or by written notice to the secretary of the desire to terminate.
- Section 3. Each member shall have one vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- Section 4. Until such time that other neighborhood associations are formed in Boise, membership shall be open to all persons 18 years or older who reside, work, or own property in any area within the City limits ~~not included~~ in another neighborhood association.

Article IV. Meetings

- Section 1. Annual meetings shall be held no later than May 1 each year for the purpose of electing members to the steering committee (see Article VII) for the following years, and for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and standing committees, and for the steering committee to receive input from the general membership. There shall be at least three regular meetings in addition to the annual meeting, the time and place to be set by the steering committee. Special meetings shall

be called by the steering committee or upon petition by 25 or more members.

Section 2. The steering committee shall notify members and other persons of the North End of all meetings at least one week prior to such meetings.

Section 3. A quorum for membership meetings shall be 25 persons.

Section 4. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of those present and voting at general meetings, except for amending this charter. (See Article IX).

Article V. Officers

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, and treasurer elected annually by the steering committee.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy, an office shall be filled promptly through special election by the steering committee for the unexpired term of the office vacated.

Article VI. Duties of Officers

The duties shall be those ordinarily carried out by the holders of such offices.

Article VII. Steering Committee

Section 1. The Association shall have a steering committee of 15 (fifteen) Association members nominated and elected at the annual meeting. They shall serve for two-year terms; 8 (eight) committee members shall be elected in even years, 7 (seven) in odd years.

Section 2. At the meeting of the steering committee following the annual meeting of the Association, the committee shall elect the four officers by a majority vote from among its members. The steering committee shall then provide the members of the Association with the list of officers.

Section 3. The steering committee shall meet at regular times and meetings shall be open to attendance by any member of the Association.

Section 4. Decisions and actions of the steering committee shall be presented and subject to review at the next membership meeting.

Section 5. A vacancy on the steering committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the committee and shall be confirmed by the general membership at the next scheduled meeting.

Section 6. A vacancy shall occur when a steering committee member resigns, moves from the North End, or is absent from steering committee meetings without cause for a 3 (three) month period.

Section 7. Any steering committee member with a conflict of interest on a specific issue shall refrain from voting on that issue.

Article VIII. Other Committees

- Section 1. Standing committees shall be established by the steering committee and members appointed by the committee chairperson.
- Section 2. Special (ad hoc) committees may be established by the steering committee.
- Section 3. All committees shall be responsible to the steering committee and shall report to the steering committee on a regular basis.

Article IX. Charter Amendment

This charter may be amended upon approval of 2/3 (two thirds) of those present and voting at a general meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been presented at a general meeting at least thirty days prior to approval.

Article X. Enacting Clause

This charter shall become effective when duly approved by a general meeting of those persons described in Article III, Section 1, consisting of at least 25 (twenty-five) persons, upon a favorable vote of 2/3 (two thirds) of those present and voting.

approved as amended 21 February 1979