

Strachauer Park Neighborhood Association ByLaws

The following ByLaws were adopted at an organizing meeting held at Edina City Hall on May 19, 2014. They were edited at the Strachauer Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) Annual Meeting on September 14, 2023.

Section 1.0—NAME

The name of the Association is the Strachauer Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA).

Section 2.0—BOUNDARIES

The Strachauer Park neighborhood (Neighborhood) is bounded by France Avenue to the west (inclusive of the east side of France Avenue), West 60th Street to the north, Xerxes Avenue to the east (inclusive of the west side of Xerxes Avenue), and Highway 62 to the south. Within these boundaries, the SPNA serves approximately 310 households and 825 residents.

Section 3.0—PURPOSE

SPNA is a non-partisan organization created to foster a sense of community within the Neighborhood, organize events and provide opportunities for Neighbors to create or strengthen connections and relationships, promote involvement of residents in decisions made by the Edina City Council and other local government entities, facilitate communication between SPNA Neighbors and others with an interest in the SPNA neighborhood boundaries, and provide a way for Neighbors to get involved in the affairs of the Neighborhood.

Section 4.0—MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the SPNA is voluntary and open to all Neighbors. There are no dues or participation requirements. Neighbors are defined as residents or other legal entities that own or occupy property within the Neighborhood.

Meetings of the SPNA are open to all Neighbors and friends of the Neighborhood. Voting membership in the SPNA is open to all Neighbors who are at least 18 years of age. Any legal entity that owns or rents a parcel is entitled to one vote.

Section 5.0—STEERING COMMITTEE

Members of the SPNA shall elect a Steering Committee of three to five Neighbors. Members of the Steering Committee should be actively committed to the purpose of the Association and invested in building relationships with residents and stakeholders. The Steering Committee shall plan and conduct all SPNA meetings, take action between meetings on identified issues, and act on time-sensitive matters with the agreement of a majority of its members. As volunteers, Steering Committee members serve, unpaid, for two calendar years from their election at an Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, the Steering Committee shall attempt to stagger the terms of its members to ensure continuity within the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members may be reappointed to additional terms

Section 5.1—The Steering Committee may appoint subcommittees as it deems necessary to accomplish neighborhood business.

Section 5.2—The Steering Committee shall appoint one of its members as Secretary to keep minutes of the Annual Meeting and other meetings of the SPNA. These minutes shall be made available to SPNA members at the Annual Meeting or upon request. The Steering Committee will also appoint one of its members as the Steering Committee Chairperson. This individual will be considered the primary point of contact for the Steering Committee to the City and will be listed as the SPNA point person on the City's Recognized Neighborhood Association website.

Section 6.0—ANNUAL MEETING

An Annual Meeting of the SPNA shall be held on a date in the fall with

date and time to be determined by the Steering Committee. Notice of the date and time shall be emailed, posted online (website, Facebook group, and NextDoor), delivered and/or mailed to each residence in the Neighborhood not less than two weeks before the meeting. The business of the Annual Meeting shall be the election of the Steering Committee and other neighborhood business. Other meetings will be called at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

Section 7.0—VOTING

All actions taken by the SPNA shall be by majority vote of those members present at a meeting. Voting by proxy is not allowed. There is no minimum quorum.

Section 8.0—REMOVAL FROM STEERING COMMITTEES

A Steering Committee member may be removed from office if 4/5 of the Steering Committee votes to remove such member. Upon removal, a new Steering Committee member shall be appointed by the Steering Committee and will serve the remainder of the vacant Steering Committee member's term.

Section 9.0—USE OF THE SPNA NAME

The SPNA name and logo may not be used in connection with a solicitation for a donation—whether financial or in kind—or be used in connection with another group/organization/event without prior approval of the SPNA Steering Committee.

Section 10.0—CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Steering Committee members are responsible for administering the affairs of the SPNA prudently and honestly and for exercising their best care, skill, and judgment for the sole benefit of the SPNA. Steering Committee members shall not use their positions with the SPNA for personal benefit.

Section 11.0—AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These ByLaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote by Neighbors present at the Annual Meeting.

Section 12.0 – NON-DISCRIMINATION

The SPNA will not discriminate based on race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, marital status, disability, status with regard to public assistance, familial status or national origin in connection to employment, housing and real property, public accommodations, public services, credit, and education.