

South Cornelia Neighborhood Association By-Laws

Name

The name of the Association is the South Cornelia Neighborhood Association (SCNA).

Purpose

The primary purpose of the SCNA is to bring neighbors together for fun activities, meaningful conversations, and more. We're a social organization, first and foremost.

We also work to:

1. Help neighbors be active in decisions made by the Edina City Council and other local governmental entities.
2. Facilitate communication between SCNA members, the City of Edina, and others with an interest in the SCNA.
3. Represent the interests of residents and property owners in South Cornelia. However, the SCNA does not speak on behalf of any individual or group within South Cornelia.

Neighborhood Boundaries

The SCNA is geographically bound on the west by West Shore Drive, on the north by West 70th Street, on the east by France Avenue, and on the south by Gilford Drive.

Membership

Membership in the SCNA is voluntary and open to all neighbors. Neighbors are defined as residents or other legal entities that own or occupy property within the neighborhood. Meetings are open to all residents, owners of parcels within, and friends of the South Cornelia neighborhood.

Voting & Quorum

Voting membership is open to all residents, businesses, and property owners in the South Cornelia neighborhood. Voters must be at least 18 years of age. Any legal entity that owns a parcel may have one membership vote for that parcel. For voting purposes, there is no minimum quorum.

Leadership

The SCNA will be stewarded by a Stewardship Team of at least four neighborhood residents, and preferably more. We don't have Steering Committees, specific roles (e.g., Chair or Treasurer), or other common corporate/institutional structures because we believe in bottom-up, decentralized approaches.

In the case of a Stewardship Team vacancy, the remaining members of the Stewardship Team are authorized to recruit and replace a member. Stewardship Team members may serve for a minimum of one year and as many years as they like as long as they aren't voted off the team by a two-thirds majority vote of either:

1. The other Stewardship Team members.
2. The voting SCNA members.

Meetings

The SCNA typically holds their annual meeting in the fall – date, time, and location to be determined by the Stewardship Team. Notice of the meeting will be communicated to residents at least two weeks before it happens.

Activities at the annual meeting will include the annual election of the Stewardship Team, other Stewardship Team proposed items, and SCNA member proposed items. Minutes of the meeting will be sent to the City of Edina Neighborhood Association Liaison.

Other meetings can be called when the Stewardship Team or SCNA members request them.

Committees

The SCNA does not have official committees. Any committees or groups within South Cornelia are independent of the SCNA.

By-laws Amendment

By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the neighbors present at an annual meeting, general neighborhood meeting, or a meeting called for that purpose.

Conflict of interest

Stewardship Team members are responsible for administering the affairs of the SCNA prudently and honestly and for exercising their best care, skill, and judgment for the sole benefit of the SCNA. They won't use their positions with the SCNA for personal benefit. The interest of the organization must be the first priority in all decisions and actions.

Non-Discrimination

The SCNA 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.

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