

Summary of Bylaw Revisions (June 2015)

Article III – Members

1. Limit participation by corporations, businesses, etc to a single representative

Article IV – Officers

1. Focus board on governance by reducing size to seven and move non-governance responsibilities to committees where possible (remove VP, Zoning, Public Safety and Environment)
2. Emphasize focus on resources needed to accomplish neighborhood goals by adding a Fundraising Officer
3. Make NPU representative a board position and combine with Special Events (now called External Affairs Officer)
4. Facilitate orderly transfer of responsibilities by shifting their term to begin one month following elections
5. Add term limits to encourage a diverse and representative board
6. Broaden pool of potential board members by reducing participation requirement to three meetings in previous year, or serving as a committee chair

Article V – Agents & Representatives

1. Remove Peavine Watershed Alliance Representative as they are no longer active
2. Add Candler Park Conservancy Representative
3. Create clean operating structure by making appointment an annual board responsibility
4. Add language to handle temporary appointments when necessary

Article VII – Board of Directors

1. Improve transparency and participation by adding requirement for notice of board meetings

Article VIII – Committees

1. Strengthen committee system to create more flexibility in how the organization is governed and to encourage participation by more individuals
2. Specify how committees are organized and make Chair appointments an annual board responsibility
3. Improve communication and effectiveness of committees with guidelines for how they report back to the organization
4. Strengthen committees with an explicit power to make recommendations that must be considered by the board
5. Encourage civic engagement and participation by asking members to join a committee
6. Incorporate three existing committees that are not governed by the bylaws: Safety, Education, and Planning (combination of sidewalks, transportation and Master Plan).
7. Create new committee for Fundraising

Article IX — Decorum

1. Require anyone seeking the floor to wait to be recognized before speaking.
2. Encourage more polite and orderly dialog by making the presiding officer explicitly responsible for maintaining decorum.

Article XII — Conflicts of Interest

1. Encourage transparency and better understanding of conflicts of interest by requiring board members to complete an annual disclosure.

Open Questions (need board & membership input)

1. Received feedback for making membership requirements both more and less restrictive. Broadly speaking two areas to address:
 1. At what point after becoming a member can you vote?
 2. Once you're a voting member, what is required to remain eligible to vote?
2. New committee and board position descriptions are likely incomplete