

# Summary of Bylaw Revisions – Final Draft September 2015

## Article III – Members

1. Limit participation by corporations, businesses, etc to a single representative
2. Promote participation by giving members an additional two months to renew each year before voting privileges expire

## Article IV – Officers

1. Focus board on governance by reducing size to nine and move non-governance responsibilities to committees where possible (remove VP 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 Remove Peavine Watershed Alliance Representative as they are no longer active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
2. Begin nominating committee one month earlier (August)

## **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 Infrastructure (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