NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

I. PURPOSE

The <u>Middle Village</u> Neighborhood Association ("the Association") is established by the residents of the Neighborhood. The purpose of the Association is to gather and organize residents for community building, centered around issues relative to Middle Village, to provide a communication toolset for neighbors to voice to local government and civic groups (and among each other), and to respectfully collaborate and empower measurable neighborhood improvement in order to deliver a thriving area in which to live, play, and work. We also strive to work in collaboration with other neighborhoods who desire similar outcomes.

II. BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the Association are as follows: <u>Irving Ave</u>. on the North, <u>Church Ave</u>. on the South, <u>Main St</u>. on the East and <u>Jackson St</u>. on the West. Changes in the boundaries are subject to approval of the Association. Disputes shall be arbitrated by persons mutually selected by the contestant parties.

III. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association is open to all residents, property owners, business licensees and non-profit organizations within the boundaries of the neighborhood as outlined in Section II.

IV. VOTING

The Association strives for consensus among members on all issues. However, voting will at times be necessary. At such times, all members of the Association eighteen (18) years and older who reside within the Association boundaries are entitled to vote. No proxies shall be taken.

Voting may be by voice vote or secret ballot as decided by the membership in advance of the voting.

V. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall be composed of five street representatives. The Executive Board may act on behalf of the Association as necessary and meet as required to conduct the activities of the Association. All decisions made by the Executive Board are subject to confirmation at a meeting of the general membership.

VI. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the calendar year.

Elections to fill vacant positions shall occur whenever a vacancy exists.

VII. COMMITTEES

Special committees to address specific concerns, issues or activities may be appointed by The Executive Board as necessary. All committees shall have chairs or co-chairs. Chairs and/or co-chairs shall serve on the Executive Board during the duration of their service as committee chairs.

VIII. MEETINGS

The Executive Board shall meet as necessary.

A general meeting of the membership shall be held quarterly, but other meetings of the membership may be called by the Executive Board as necessary. An agenda shall be published any time a meeting is announced. All decisions must be reached by consensus or a majority vote. A quorum is reached when attendance of voting members is greater than fifty (50) percent of the average member attendance of the last two (2) general meetings, and two (2) Executive Board members are present.

All parties residing outside the Association boundaries may attend Association meetings.

During the business portion of the meetings, only current residents of Middle Village may participate in debate and vote.

The official report of all decisions shall record both majority and minority concerns.

IX. FUNDING

Voluntary dues, contributions, contracts, grants, subscription or fundraising activities may be used by the Association as desired. Membership dues shall not bar any resident from membership or voting. Customary basic operating expenditures require only consensus of Officers.

X. DISSOLUTION

The Association may dissolve itself by taking a vote in the same fashion on any issue to be decided.

The Bylaws are adopted by the following vote:
Ayes
Nays
Executive Committee Member Jevery Lofton
Executive Committee Member Christina Grook
Tinda anchez Reid Executive Committee Member Linda hanchez Reid
Executive Committee Member Dave Stubbe
Lou Stuffe 659 Central St. Executive Committee Member Lon Stubbe
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