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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday, December 13th – 7:00 p.m.**

Zoom Meeting Online at:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- III. INTRODUCTIONS**
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
- V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Continue discussing existing [Bylaws](#) to new [template](#) from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (see proposed changes in the supplementals attached to this agenda)
 - a. Article III Boundaries**
 - b. Article V Governing Board**
 - c. Article VI Officers**
 - d. Article VII Committees and Their Duties**

- e. Article VIII Meetings**
- f. Article X Elections**
- g. Article XII Parliamentary Authority**
- h. Article XIV Compliance**
- i. Attachment B**

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Review other NC ground rules and/or DONE recommendations

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Next meeting dates and times

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Palms NC Bylaws Committee Proposal For Bylaws Changes

Article III Boundaries

- Section 1 should add the area containing Palms Park because it is contiguous with current boundaries and adds a full sized park to the NC, allowing for more and varied events for residents
- Section 1 should add the Westdale area, whose boundaries are roughly Charnock Road to the South, Sepulveda Blvd to the West, National Blvd to the North, & Overland Ave to the East. Westdale has been a part of Palms for over 70 years, and this would be correcting the NC maps to align with the City maps

Article V Governing Board

- Section 1 should be changed if the Article III changes are approved. One more Residential Area Rep should be added for all of Westdale. One more Business Rep should be added because more businesses are being added. Optionally, one more Community Org rep could be added and a new position representing the Homeowners Association could be added
- Section 1 should also add the following language “Any member of the Board who ceases to be a Stakeholder is required to submit his or her resignation to the Board. However, Board Members who remain stakeholders but whose stakeholder category has shifted may serve out the remainder of their term in the seat to which they were elected or selected.”
- Section 7 should remove the language “without an excused absence” because Palms NC does not have specific criteria for defining excused absences.
- Section 11 should get discussed at the GA as to how the Board wishes to interpret that clause. The Bylaws Committee should send a motion for the next GA meeting.

Article VI Officers

- Section 3 is selection of Officers. Currently stakeholders vote in executive officers, but it could be changed to same number of board seats, but the executive ones would switch to other designations (at large is easy but they could be more specific too). The Board would vote on Executive Officers from the pool of all Board Members. This should be discussed at the Bylaws Committee and possibly should send a motion for the next GA meeting. This would involve changing Article III to match the provisions as well.
- Section 4 deals with Officer terms getting switched annually. This is a further consideration of Section 3 above.

Article VII Committees and Their Duties

- Section 2 should add language to define the time limitations of an Ad Hoc Committee. The Bylaws Committee should consider a limit on number of active Ad Hoc Committees at any one moment in time.

- Section 3C is not clear on whether the President or the Committee Chair should appoint members. It is clear that the Palms NC Board needs to vote on it either way, but language should be added to make that clear whether the President or the Committee Chair appoints committee members.
- Section 3D should add language exempting Ad Hoc Committees from Brown Act requirements as a suggestion from the DONE Bylaws Template

Article VIII Meetings

- Section 2 should add the following language to allow Stakeholders the ability to add agenda items ” Any Stakeholder and/or Board members may make a proposal for action by the Council by submitting a written request to the Secretary/President. Stakeholders can also make such a request during the public comment period of a regular Council meeting. The Secretary/President shall promptly refer the proposal to a Standing Committee or, at the next regular Council meeting, the Board shall either consider the proposal or create an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the proposal. The Council may consider the proposal at a Committee or Board meeting.”
- Section 4 should add the following language about Reconsideration. ”The Board may reconsider or amend its action through a Motion for Reconsideration process defined in its Standing Rules and either during the same meeting where the Board initially acted or during the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting that follows the meeting where the action subject to reconsideration occurred.”

Article X Elections

- Section 6 should remove 6B, 6C, and 6D. 6F should be re-worded to Elections Committee Chair

Article XII Parliamentary Authority

- Section A should remove the phrase “these Bylaws” from that Section

Article XIV Compliance

- Section 3 should change the language from “Shall” to “May”

Attachment B

- Consider adding language that Executive Officers have some status greater than “Stakeholder”. Possibly “Reside, Work, or Own Property” would work better instead.