

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Bylaws Committee – October 25, 2021
Held via Zoom

Present: Nakiesha Scott (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Craig Kusunoki, Janet Mitchell, Fred Nichols, Keith Pitts, Luetta Watson, and Hannah Woods

- 1) **Welcome/call to order/roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Nakiesha Scott. Roll call determined that there was a quorum.
- 2) **Approval of the September 27, 2021, Committee minutes:** It was moved by Fred Nichols, seconded by Hannah Woods, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the minutes as corrected (adding that there was consensus of the Committee to follow Luetta Watson's recommendation of discussing the Bylaw Articles in order and noting areas for changes).
- 3) **Discussion on expectations for the Bylaws Committee:** Fred Nichols said that he would like to see changes to the Bylaws that encourage more inclusion of stakeholders and allow for more input to the Board. He would like to see public comment at both the beginning and the end of meetings. He is willing to have two hour meetings of the Bylaws Committee and more than one meeting per month to meet the April 1 deadline.

Nakiesha Scott said that going page by page through the Bylaws will take too much time and there is the March Board meeting deadline to meet, so that the Bylaws are approved before April 1.

Luetta Watson noted that the Code of Conduct is being amended currently and will cover Committee members as well as Board members.

Rosalie Preston supported Lu Watson's recommendation to go through the Bylaws in order of the Articles and said that with fourteen articles it will not take that long to list the Articles where changes could be considered.

There was a straw vote on how to proceed, which resulted in a tie on whether to go through the Bylaws Article by Article or find a different method of review. Luetta Watson suggested some type of compromise on approach. Rosalie Preston asked those not wanting to go through Article by Article what their approach would be. Craig Kusunoki suggested only reviewing those Articles where changes can be made. Since the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is going to have a sample template ready soon, it was decided to wait to discuss any Articles until the next meeting when the Template should be available to use as guidance. Some members wanted to start the discussion at the current meeting, but Chair Nakiesha Scott said for members to read over the Bylaws before the next meeting, note Articles where changes could be made, and email those suggestions to her. She will use those submitted suggestions to create the agenda for the next Committee meeting in November. Lu Watson suggested asking Freddy Cupen-Ames for examples of other Neighborhood Council Bylaws which are well-written.
- 4) **General Public comment on non-agenda items:** There was none.
- 5) **Announcements:** There were none.
- 6) **Next meeting date/adjournment:** The Committee will meet on Mon. November 22 at 7 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.