

Possible Bylaw changes for discussion by the USNC Board on July 1, 2024

1. Section 5.5 – Remote Participation

Remove limitations on number of times a Board member can attend virtually, instead of in-person

New wording:- Remote participation by Neighborhood Council members and Board members not present at the meeting location is permissible as long as those participating remotely and all persons present at the meeting location are clearly audible to each other.

2. Section 6.2 – Election of Officers

Now that the Board is elected every two years, how long do officers serve?

New wording:- Annually, the Neighborhood Council Board shall elect its own officers, immediately following a General Election and again one year later. This election shall occur at the second meeting after the election of the Board and again one year later, which will be held within 21 days of the election or its anniversary. (last sentence remains the same).

3. Section 3.3.4 – Resignation and Recall

Add a consultation requirement to the contact made with a Board member who is being considered for removal for good cause.

New wording:- (After the first sentence of paragraph two) The co-chairs shall consult with the Board member to assess the situation and to communicate the reason for considering removal. After a month's time during which all reasonable efforts to make contact are exhausted, but unsuccessful, the process shall proceed as follows. The co-chairs shall report to the Board the results of that effort to contact the Board member. (the rest of the paragraph remains the same, except replace the word "trigger" with the word "start").

4. Section 14 – Non-Discrimination

Connect the Code of Conduct to the Bylaws.

New Wording:- (Make existing language 14.1 and create a new section 14.2)

14.2: The Board established a Code of Conduct in 2024 that expands on how it will proceed to implement the goals established in 14.1. It is attached as Appendix B. to these Bylaws.

5. Section 3.3.5 – Filling Vacancies on the Board

How do we fill Board vacancies beyond going to the next highest vote getter in the previous election?

- If five or more board seats are vacant six months or more before the next scheduled Board election, a Special Election following the procedures required for a General Election of the Board shall be held within one month of the fifth vacancy.
- If six months or less remain before the next scheduled Board election, the seats shall remain vacant.

- If a board seat becomes vacant and cannot be filled following the process proscribed in Section 3.3.5, the Board shall fill the seat in the following manner:
 - The Board shall reach out to the membership within two weeks to solicit nominations for the category of seat that is vacant;
 - The Board shall publish and distribute the name and biographies of all nominees to its membership and set a voting date four weeks from said notification.
 - The membership shall vote at a specially-noticed and scheduled meeting either in person by ballot or remotely.
 - Online voting must include a membership verification requirement and a single-use verification code

6. Section 11.3 – Limitations on Endorsements without Board Approval

Proposal #1

Without a vote of the Board, no board member shall:

1. Sign zoning petitions proposed by developers the Neighborhood Council may potentially sign a Community Benefits Agreement with;
2. Support other proposals or approval requests before city or state entities, including but not limited to memorandums, agreements, or contracts with developers the Neighborhood Council may potentially sign a Community Benefits Agreement with.

Proposal #2

Without a vote of the Board, no board member shall sign any agreements, contracts, memorandums or other documents concerning developments that the Neighborhood Council may potentially sign a CBA for. These documents include but are not limited to, zoning petitions, proposals or other approval requests.