

Proposed Amendments

Language of Proposed Amendments

If you are here to share desired changes with the Bylaws Committee in a format other than formal amendments (e.g., rough bullet points, ideas, or links to other documents), scroll down to [Other Ways To Share Your Suggestions](#).

See the document “tabs” (on the left on desktop; at the bottom toolbar on mobile) for proposed amendments already [resolved in a regular DSNC meeting](#), [discussed by the Bylaws Committee](#), or [retracted by their authors](#).

All amendments addressed! 🎉

Other Ways To Share Your Suggestions

Issues you aren't sure how to turn into amendments

If you have issues with the current bylaws you think are vital to address before passing the bylaws, but aren't sure how to phrase them as amendments, please include them here:

- *[add any others here]*

In-line comments on the bylaws

If you would prefer to insert comments in-line in the bylaws we passed around last meeting, [use this copy of the last bylaws draft](#).

(Highlight the section you want to respond to and right-click → “Comment”)

(Alternatively, start typing text you want to see, and the doc should be set so it gets added in “suggestion” mode)

Update: you may also insert comments and questions in-line in [the Bylaws Committee work-in-progress draft](#).

⚠️ Update 2: At this point, please no longer insert suggestions in those drafts. Please share suggestions in this document. Please do still use the Comment function for comments and questions in [the Bylaws Committee work-in-progress draft](#)!

External documents

If you have your proposed changes in other documents you want considered, please link them here:

- [January-August 2024 draft based on the USNC & GSNC bylaws](#)
- [Wilbert Pineda's revised sections for inclusivity](#)

-  [Zachary Yaro's comparison of Somerville NC bylaws outlines and proposed restructure](#) 
-  [Zachary Yaro's proposed restructure & revision \(see the document "tabs" for listed changes\)](#) 
-  [Zachary Yaro's proposed Code Of Conduct](#) 
- *[add any others here]*



Discussed In Bylaws Committee

Discussed By Bylaws Committee

These haven't been voted on by the entire DSNC yet, but the Bylaws Committee has reviewed them and attempted to incorporate them into the draft bylaws where they can be reconciled with the existing text, other amendments, and the expressed desires of all the members we have heard from.

Amendment 1

Amendment to ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS, Section 1. Officers and Duties to read:

“Section 1. Officers and Duties. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and seven Directors. A minimum of seven officers must be renters. No person shall be eligible to serve as an officer whose only eligibility for membership is operating a business owning property in the Davis Square neighborhood and leasing it out.”

Amendment 2

Amendment to ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS, Section 1. Officers and Duties to read:

“Section 1. Officers and Duties. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and seven Directors. A minimum of seven officers must be renters.”

Amendment 3

Amend Article IV: Officers to add an additional Section:

Section 4. Filling Board Vacancies and Unfilled Director Positions. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, or if one or more Director positions remain unfilled after the annual election, the Board may, at its discretion, hold a special election to fill the position(s). Notice of the special election shall be provided to all members of the Society at least 10 days before the meeting at which the election will take place. The notice shall include the date, time, and place of the election and must specify the vacant or unfilled position(s) to be filled. Nominations for the vacant or unfilled position(s) may be made from the floor during the meeting where the special election takes place. Nominations may also be made in advance by communicating in writing to the Secretary at least 5 days before the scheduled election. A candidate elected to fill a vacancy or unfilled position shall serve for the remainder of the original term for that position or until their successor is duly elected.

Amendment 6

Change Section 1.1 “Name” to:

“The name of this organization is “Davis Square Neighborhood Council” (abbreviated herein to “DSNC”).

Insert Section 2.1 “Composition”:

The DSNC shall comprise an Executive Board (herein, “Board”) and all other neighborhood council members (herein, “Members” or “Membership”). The “Neighborhood Council” shall refer to the full body—all Members and the Board.

Amendment 7

Change all instances of “the Society”/“this Society” to “the DSNC”.

Amendment 8

Change Section 1.2 “Neighborhood Boundaries” to: “Consistent with the Somerville neighborhood boundaries map (last updated May 13th, 2024), the Davis Square Neighborhood Boundary shall extend from Powder House Blvd. & Packard Ave. at the northernmost point, southwest along Packard Ave. to Broadway, northwest along Broadway to Holland St., southeast along Holland St. to Cameron Ave., southwest along Cameron Ave to Seven Pines Ave. at the westernmost point, southeast toward Orchard St. and along Orchard St. to Russell St. at the southernmost point, northeast along Russell St./Cutter Ave. to Hawthorne St., southeast along Hawthorne St. to Hancock St., northeast along Hancock St. to the Somerville Community Path at the easternmost point, west along the Community Path to Willow Ave., northeast along Willow Ave. to Kidder Ave., northwest along Kidder Ave. to College Ave., northeast along College Ave. to Powder House Square, and northwest along Powder House Blvd. to Packard Ave. (Appx. A: Neighborhood Boundaries Map). These boundaries shall update immediately to reflect any changes made by the city.”

Amendment 8.1

(Alternatively)

Change Section 1.2 “Neighborhood Boundaries” to: “The Davis Square Neighborhood Boundaries shall be as defined in the Somerville neighborhood boundaries map. (Appx. A: Neighborhood Boundaries Map).”

And insert before the image in Appendix A: “Neighborhood Boundaries Map”: “Consistent with the Somerville neighborhood boundaries map, the Davis Square Neighborhood Boundaries shall extend from Powder House Blvd. & Packard Ave. at the northernmost point, southwest along Packard Ave. to Broadway, northwest along Broadway to Holland St., southeast along Holland St. to Cameron Ave., southwest along Cameron Ave to Seven Pines Ave. at the westernmost point, southeast toward Orchard St. and along Orchard St. to Russell St. at the southernmost point, northeast along Russell St./Cutter Ave. to Hawthorne St., southeast along Hawthorne St. to Hancock St., northeast along Hancock St. to the Somerville Community Path at the easternmost point, west along the Community Path to Willow Ave., northeast along Willow Ave. to Kidder Ave., northwest along Kidder Ave. to College Ave., northeast along College Ave. to Powder House Square, and northwest along Powder House Blvd. to Packard Ave.”

Amendment 11

Article 2 Replace “Object” with “Purpose” and make Section 2.1: “Objective” the current text.

Amendment 12

Change Section 2.1 “Objective” to:

To support Davis Square as an increasingly inclusive, vibrant, and accessible neighborhood and commercial center representing the creativity, diversity, interests, perspectives, and values of the people who live and work here. The DSNC shall achieve that as a Community Benefits Neighborhood Council¹ and a means to connect and empower members of the community to advocate for and work toward our common goals.

¹As defined by Chapter 7, Article IX, Section 7-220 of the City Of Somerville Code of Ordinances

Amendment 13

Insert a new Section 2.2 “Values”: “Accessibility”, “Inclusion”, “Interdependence”, “Stewardship”, “Transparency”, and “Wellness”:

2.2. Values

2.3.1. Accessibility

Public spaces and local government must be accessible to all residents regardless of ability or government experience.

In practice: The DSNC will advocate for national standards of physical accessibility in Davis Square, and will make itself accessible by various means, including choosing language and means of communication that enable all residents to understand what is happening in their neighborhood and effectively advocate for their interests.

2.3.2. Inclusion

We embrace and encourage all community members to engage with and contribute to decisions that affect us. We believe the diversity of our backgrounds increases the strength and resilience of our community, and curiosity about unknown perspectives will lead us to the best decisions.

In practice: The DSNC will aspire to have a Board representative of the community in Davis Square.

2.3.3. Interdependence

We recognize our need for and reliance on each other to form and thrive in communities.

In practice: The DSNC will seek out, create, and promote opportunities for people in the neighborhood to connect.

2.3.4. Stewardship

We sustain ecological balance and fiscal responsibility.

In practice: The DSNC will consider parks, urban trees, and effects on nature in the Davis Square neighborhood as much as the buildings, sidewalks, and roads; and will respect surrounding neighborhoods and transit routes as we promote, create, and support our vibrant, healthy, multi-modal, sustainable public realm.

2.3.5. Transparency

We believe we reach the best decisions through full access to information and open dialogue.

In practice: All DSNC meetings, records, and communications accessible to everyone in Davis Square whenever possible. A final decision shouldn't catch anyone in Davis Square by surprise.

2.3.6. Wellness

We create an environment that elevates the mental, physical, and economic health of its residents.

In practice: The DSNC will seek equitable, multi-modal, sustainable, workforce-affordable access to neighborhoods, parks, and the commercial center of Davis Square.

Amendment 14

Change Section 3.1 to “Member Eligibility”:

“Anyone age 16 or older may participate as a Member who:

- Resides within ½ mile of the Neighborhood Boundary; or
- Lacks a permanent address but receives support services within the Neighborhood Boundary; or
- Is employed at a business located within the Neighborhood Boundary; or
- Operates a business located within the Neighborhood Boundary; or
- Regularly volunteers at an organization/agency located within the Neighborhood Boundary

To participate in DSNC meetings, participants will be asked to complete a form with their names, addresses, email addresses, and selection of either qualifying Member criteria or desire to participate as a non-member. Non-members may still join and participate on the DSNC mailing list and attend and participate fully in DSNC meetings with the exception of voting.

Members shall not be charged dues or any other membership fees.

Amendment 15

Proposed amendment - secret ballot

Change “by ballot” to “by secret ballot” in Article 4, Section 3

Amendment 18 Amendment 1

Strike “Authority to approve community benefits agreements shall rest with the Board, who may approve it by a majority vote of its members.” and replace this with “Authority to approve community benefits agreements shall

Amendment 21

Add the following line to Article 3:

Applications for membership before selection of a board may be approved by a majority vote of members present.

Amendment 24

Add Article XI, Limitations:

- 1.) The Neighborhood Council shall not formally endorse any political candidate or party.
- 2.) No person or officer shall use the Membership list of the Neighborhood Council for other than strictly Neighborhood Council purposes.
- 3.) No person shall communicate in the name of the Davis Square Neighborhood Council without a majority vote of the officers, especially when advocating for or against a development project. Members and officers may note their affiliation with the Council if they clarify they are communicating in a personal capacity.

Amendment 24 Amendment 1

- Name the article “Conduct”.
- Consolidate the 2nd and 3rd sections into a section, “Use Of Name”, above those other two:

No one shall use the name or Membership list of the DSNC for other than strictly DSNC purposes without a majority vote of the Officers. No one shall communicate in the name of the DSNC without a majority vote of the Officers. Members and Officers may note their affiliation with the DSNC if they specify they are communicating in a personal capacity.

Amendment 25 Part 1

(Depending on other amendments, may also need to amend the Ethics section to note the Society can take votes on official positions)

Remove from "Article IV, Section 1" the text: "These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society." Add to the end of Section 1: "The Secretary is responsible for filing government documents, including state incorporation papers, IRS filings, and transmitting Community Benefits Agreement applications and agreements to the City of Somerville. The Treasurer is responsible for the assets of the organization, including managing any bank accounts of the Society, providing financial data to the Secretary for filings. At least two officers must have access to online accounts (such as the mailing list) and bank accounts, in case the primary officer becomes permanently unavailable. Appropriate transparency and controls should be in place to prevent any one person from misusing organization money or other assets."

Amendment 25 Part 2

Remove "Article X: Special Rules of Order" in its entirety.

Replace "Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority" in its entirety with:

Article VIII: Procedures

- 1.) Meetings shall be chaired by, in order of availability: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, other delegated officer with the consent of those present, any officer by mutual agreement of officers present, any member of the society by mutual agreement if no officers are present.
- 2.) Members shall have the right to add items to a meeting agenda by email or at the beginning of the meeting, with the agreement of the chair. If refused, Members have the right to ask for a majority vote of Members present.
- 3.) Meetings shall be conducted at the discretion of the chair, allowing people to speak in an orderly fashion, ensuring fairness so that everyone has equal opportunity to speak, keeping the conversation on-topic and civil, putting reasonable limits on length of speeches and repeat

speakers if needed for time, and respecting the general sense of the room as to how to proceed.

4.) Any Member may make a suggestion for how a meeting should proceed. If the chair does not agree, the Member may ask for a majority vote of Members present. If a Member wishes to continue discussing a topic already underway, a 2/3 majority is required to end discussion.

5.) A majority vote of Members present may establish an official position of the Davis Square Neighborhood Council (other than approval of a Community Benefits Agreement), or direct the officers to take specific inquiries, advocacy, or other actions, but only the officers may approve Community Benefit Agreements or remove other officers.

6.) The Secretary, or a delegate, records votes and whatever aspects of the conversation they feel are helpful for future reference.

7.) Officers may be removed by a vote of the other officers for reasons other than absence. The officer to be removed must be given 1 week notice to allow them to appear before the Board in a meeting where the complaints against them may be raised. The officer to be removed must be given up to equal time to argue against removal. 2/3 vote of other officers is necessary for removal. Officers may be removed immediately on an emergency basis by a unanimous vote of the other officers, if no officers other than the one removed has objected to the logistics of the meeting.

8.) Members may be removed from a meeting or from the Society by a 2/3rd vote of Members present, if they have been disruptive (not following the directions of the chair) or created a fear of physical safety among the Members. Members should not be removed for expressing a dissenting point of view unless advocating lawless action.

~~9.) Quorum for the Society to take official actions is 50% of those registered members who have attended at least one meeting in the past year. This requirement cannot be lifted, even by unanimous consent.~~

910.) Votes (other than those by ballot) shall be taken by show of hands or other physical indicator, with accommodation for people with physical disabilities.

Amendment 26 Part 1

To amend Article IV Section 4 to replace:

The President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice-President, are chosen from the winning candidates, in that order, using the Instant Runoff Voting system as defined in Section 7

with:

The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Executive Board from among themselves at the first meeting of the Board following an election of all members. Any vacancies occurring in any of these offices shall be filled by the Board in the same manner at the next Board meeting.

Remove Article IV Section 7. Instant Runoff Voting procedure

Amendment 26 Part 2

Amend Article IV Section 2 (Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections) to add a new paragraph:

At the conclusion of the Executive Board meeting in September, if there are three vacancies on the Executive Board, or if vacancies have occurred in three separate positions on the Executive Board since the last election of all board members, an election for all board members shall be held. The election shall be announced within 10 days and held at the regular meeting in October. Nominations from the previously-appointed Nominating Committee and from the floor will be permitted at the regular meeting in September.

Amend Article IV Section 3 (Ballot Election, Term of Office, Removal from Office) to append:

If a board member is absent for three consecutive meetings of the Executive Board, that member may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Amend Article IV. Section 4 (Voting Method) to replace "The eight-member Board is" with "Board members shall be"

Remove Article IV Section 5 (Vacancies)

Amendment 26 Part 3

Add title to Article IV. Section 8: "Tie-breaking procedures"

Append to Article IV. Section 8

If a ballot is to be transferred and the next valid rank is assigned to two or more eligible candidates, the ballot shall be transferred to one of the candidates in question by a coin toss or other agreed-upon random event.

Remove Article IV Section 9

Amendment 27

The annual election meeting shall be advertised by a letter or flyer or other notice physically delivered to every residence and business inside the neighborhood boundary. This communication shall encourage recipients to submit neighborhood concerns in writing and provide paper and electronic means to do so. It shall be translated into the most common non-English language or languages spoken in the district, as best can be determined by the Officers or Society.

Resolution Alternative - 27B

To better represent its community, the Davis Square Neighborhood

Council hereby forms an Outreach Committee whose initial tasks are:

- * Research the demographics of the Davis Square zone defined in the bylaws, and possibly also the half-mile area outside the zone
- * Determine the number of residents, businesses, volunteer organizations, and support organizations
- * Estimate the number of employees, volunteers, and people receiving support
- * Determine which businesses have local owners or franchisees vs. out-of-town owners
- * Identify volunteers who could translate written materials or at meetings if needed
- * Determine the most common languages spoken in the area, and relative populations
- * Report these factual findings to the DSNB
- * Brainstorm methods of outreach, including paper distribution, postering, social media, email, advertising to T riders, interfacing with Davis Square Merchants and other existing groups, etc.
- * Research the costs of outreach to every resident and business, and brainstorm funding ideas
- * Propose texts for annual survey and election announcement, including information on what the role of a Neighborhood Council is
- * Propose a bylaw amendment regarding advertisement of the annual election and annual survey of community needs and complaints

Amendment 28

Arrangements shall be made for participation in meetings via real-time audio or video connection for any participant in Board or Society meetings who wishes to do so for safety, convenience, or other commitments.

Amendment 29

Move Article 7: Committees to be Article 5

Amendment 30

Move Section [5.3 | 7.3]: “Other Committees; President's Ex-Officio Committee Membership” to be [5.1 | 7.1]: “Establishing Committees”:

The Board may pass resolutions to establish standing or special committees of DSNC Members with particular objectives and authorities. Every committee except Nominating Committees must include ≥ 1 Board member (by default the Vice President) with no conflicts of interest (§X.Y: Conflicts Of Interest) who will be responsible for ensuring the committee carries out delegated duties. The committee members shall select the committee chair and determine their policies conducting meetings, keeping and distributing minutes, and participation of non-Members unless designated by the Board.

Amendment 31

Insert Section [5.2 | 7.2]: “Outreach Committee”:

The Secretary shall chair a standing Outreach Committee, which will ensure meetings and meeting notifications are accessible in language, format, location, and time. They will seek feedback from underrepresented and underserved populations in the neighborhood in person and digitally to more equitably reach and include their voices and concerns in the DSNC. They will assist the Board with physical and digital notifications of DSNC meetings and other events. Any Member may volunteer with the Outreach Committee, and non-Members may participate with permission of a Board member or majority vote of committee members active in the past month.

Amendment 32

Insert a new section at the end of Article [5 | 7]: “Working Groups”:

Any group of ≥ 8 Members may form a working group to make progress on a particular issue relevant to the DSNC's Objective (§2.1: Object). If the working group sends a list of its Members to the Board, the Board must list it on the DSNC website. If the working group hasn't met in ≥ 2 months, the Board may remove it from the website. Working groups must at least be open to any Members who want to participate and must follow the same conduct expectations as official DSNC meetings, or the Board will restrict

their use of DSNC spaces. Working groups don't have authority to make decisions on behalf of the DSNC, but may organize their members to pressure those with authority on policy goals (including the Board to authorize them as a committee).

Amendment 33

Insert a Section [5.4 | 6.4]: “Public Access And Accessibility”:

Physical Neighborhood Council meetings shall be held in locations open to the public, ADA-compliant, and with Internet access for remote participation. The Board shall make Neighborhood Council meetings accessible to attend via a live video conferencing platform unless technical issues in a physical meeting space unexpectedly prevent it.

Others may also record or transmit Neighborhood Council meetings as long as placement and operation of the equipment doesn't interfere with conducting the meeting. At the start of the meeting, the Board shall inform attendees of any recordings being made.

Amendment 34

Insert a Section [5.4 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.5]: “Notification”:

The Board shall announce every DSNC meeting via the mailing list and active DSNC social media accounts ≥ 2 weeks in advance, including a link to the agenda. The email and agenda shall include the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, and the link for remote participation. The secretary shall finalize the agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Board shall ensure posters with at least a written link to the DSNC website or Linktree are hung around the neighborhood ≥ 1 week in advance of regular meetings in odd-numbered months. In case of an emergency meeting scheduled more urgently than these deadlines, the Board shall announce the meeting and agenda as soon as possible by as many of the regular means as possible.

Amendment 35

Under Article 8: Parliamentary Procedure, add:

If a meeting attendee speaks in violation of parliamentary procedure due to unfamiliarity with parliamentary procedure, and the chair of the meeting determines matter can be addressed briefly, the chair shall attempt to address the attendee's intended meaning before correcting them on procedure.

Amendment 36

Move Article 10: Special Rules Of Order to be a section under Article 8: Parliamentary Procedure

Amendment 37

Add Article [10 | 11]: “Dissolution”:

Unless required otherwise by any law, the DSNC may choose to disband by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of a quorum of the average attendance over the previous year. The vote must be held over 2 consecutive regular meetings with specific notice that disbanding will be considered ≥ 1 month prior to each meeting as well as in regular meeting notifications.

If the DSNC is disbanded, the outgoing Board shall donate any DSNC assets to a charitable entity consistent with Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in line with the DSNC Values.

Amendment 38

Insert a new section under [whichever article number “Conduct” ends up as]: “Code Of Conduct”:

All participants in DSNC meetings, events, and digital spaces shall follow the [DSNC Code Of Conduct](#)². A Board member or other person authorized by the Board will ask anyone in noncompliance with the Code Of Conduct to change their behavior or leave the meeting/event/space.

Amendment 39 - changes terms from one to two years

Section 4.6: **Ballot Election, Term of Office, Removal from Office**

Elected Board members shall be elected by secret ballot in election held each January and serve a ~~two~~^{one}-year term ~~or until their successors are elected~~. Terms begin at the close of the annual meeting where they are elected. Board members may be removed by the membership, following the procedures outlined in the parliamentary authority.

Amendment 42

For portions of meetings using a parliamentary authority, a physical or digital copy of the authority shall be available to anyone in the room requesting to review it.

(proposed by Beland)

Amendment 43

How about something like this, worked in somewhere:

* Freedom to move, create, express, and enjoy

If you're looking for the next level of detail down, I might list:

* Move - multi-modal mobility, again (so maybe not worth repeating)

* Create - create art, create a business, create a building, create a social movement

* Express - freedom of speech, cultural expressions including festivals and group activities

* Enjoy - private property, public realm, privacy, peace and quiet, cultural offerings, goods and services

(proposed by Beland, to be rephrased by Zachary)

Amendment [Not Numbered]

Add Article 11, Approval of Community Benefit Agreements:

- ~~● A quorum of the Executive Board is six members for the purpose of approving community benefit agreements, and four members for all other purposes.~~
- Board members must abstain from voting on community benefits agreements for which they have a conflict of interest. Board and Community Benefit Committee members must declare with respect to each community benefits agreement that they do or do not have a conflict of interest with regard to that project in a written document that includes all relevant conflict of interest rules, and these declarations must be transmitted to the city along with any approved agreement.
- ~~● If any Board members have been serving for more than one year since their last election, the Board may not approve any community benefits agreement.~~
- ~~● Board meetings where a vote is taken on a community benefits agreement must be announced at least one week in advance and open to the public.~~

 Resolved In Regular Meetings

Resolved In Regular Meetings (passed or voted down)

Amendment 4

Amend ARTICLE III: MEMBERS to remove Section 1(a): "Reside in the city of Somerville"

Amendment 5

Change "Definitions" to "Article 1" with sections 1.1 Name and 1.2 Neighborhood Boundaries.

Amendment 9

Insert a new Appendix A "Map Of Neighborhood Boundaries":

Appendix

A. Map Of Neighborhood Boundaries



(Source:

https://data.somervillema.gov/GIS-Data/Neighborhoods/n5md-vqta/about_data)

Amendment 16

Proposed amendments - community benefits and conflicts of interest

Add under Article 6, Section 4, Ethics:

- A conflict of interest includes being an interested party (an owner, tenant, resident, developer, direct abutter, or direct competitor), or an employee, good or service provider, immediate family member, heir, or financial beneficiary of an interested party.
- A conflict of interest includes an affiliation with any person or non-profit, government agency, or other organization receiving Community Benefit Agreement funds, including

serving on the board of directors, membership, employee, good or service provider, immediate family member, heir, or financial beneficiary.

Amendment 17

Add under Article 7, Section 2:

- A Community Benefits Committee is appointed for a specific building project or parcel.
- A Community Benefits Committee must have a minimum of five members, drawn from the Executive Board.
- Community Benefits Committee membership should represent the diversity of major interests and points of view on the development, potentially including: current residents, future residents, businesses, local employees, and travelers.
- People who have a conflict of interest with a specific project may not be appointed to a Community Benefits Committee, and must resign from the committee if one arises while serving.

Amendment 40 - lays out a more inclusive, hybrid Board structure

Article 4: ~~The Executive Board~~ of Directors

Section 4.1: **Board Composition**

~~The officers of the Society, including the Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board.~~

There shall be a Board of up to ~~12~~⁹ members. All Board members will be elected or appointed for two years terms that will begin after the annual meeting in April. Up to six Board members will be elected from the membership in elections held each January. Up to three Board members will be appointed by the Somerville Merchants Association each January. Up to three members will be recommended by the nominating committee for approval by the membership at the Annual meeting. ~~The Board that~~ shall serve and execute the responsibilities of the DSNC. The Board may hire employees or enter into agreements with vendors or other parties to assist in achieving DSNC objectives, but the Board shall not receive any salaries or compensation for their services as Board members.

Amendment 41 - describes the seated Board and Nominating Committee role in addressing inclusion of perspectives not represented by January elections and appointments

Section 4.5: **Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections**

At the regular meeting held on the last Monday in February, a Nominating Committee of five members shall be elected by the DSNC Board. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate up to three candidates for the Board to represent perspectives not yet presented by the elected and appointed members. A vote to approve or reject the nominated Board members will be held ~~offices to be filled at~~ the annual meeting in April. The Nominating Committee shall report at the regular meeting in March, during which additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

Amendment 44A

Append this new paragraph to Section 4.1: “Board Composition”:

The Board must include at least 1 each of:

- Davis Square homeowner
(Primary residence in Davis Square)
- Davis Square renter
(Primary residence in Davis Square)
- Davis Square business owner
(Physical retail or commercial location in Davis Square)
- Davis Square business worker
(Physical retail or commercial location in Davis Square)

1 person can count for multiple of those categories.

Append this new paragraph to Section 4.6: “Voting Method”:

If the winning set doesn't include members from the categories listed under §4.1 Board Composition, determine whether rerunning the procedure without the least preferred candidate would yield a winning set with the required representation, and continue until a new winning set is found with the required representation or the candidate list is exhausted. If at least 1 category has no candidate from it, 1 Board seat will remain vacant until the next election.

Amendment 44B

Append this new paragraph to Section 4.1: “Board Composition”:

The Board must include at least 1 each of:

- Davis Square homeowner
(Primary residence in Davis Square)
- Davis Square renter
(Primary residence in Davis Square)

- Davis Square business owner or worker
(Physical retail or commercial location in Davis Square)
- Person 16-22 years old
- Person ≥60 years old

1 person can count for multiple of those categories.

Append this new paragraph to Section 4.6: “Voting Method”:

If the winning set doesn't include members from the categories listed under §4.1 Board Composition, determine whether rerunning the procedure without the least preferred candidate would yield a winning set with the required representation, and continue until a new winning set is found with the required representation or the candidate list is exhausted. If at least 1 category has no candidate from it, 1 Board seat will remain vacant until the next election.

Amendment 44C

Append this new paragraph to Section 4.1: “Board Composition”:

The Board must include at least 3 owners of or workers at physical retail or commercial locations in Davis Square.

Append this new paragraph to Section 4.6: “Voting Method”:

If the winning set doesn't include merchants as listed under §4.1 Board Composition, determine whether rerunning the procedure without the least preferred candidate would yield a winning set with the required representation, and continue until a new winning set is found with the required representation or the candidate list is exhausted.

Amendment 45

In Section 4.1: “Board Composition”, change “8 members” to “9 members” and “up to 4 additional Board members” to “up to 5 additional Board members”.

Retracted/Superseded Amendments

Retracted/Superseded Amendments (by their original authors)

Amendment 10

Insert at the end of Section 1.2 “Neighborhood Boundaries”: “(See [Appendix A: Map Of Neighborhood Boundaries](#).)”

with a hyperlink to the Appendix A heading.

(Retracted because I merged it into Amendment 8 —ZY)