

# **Lower Northside and Depot Neighbors Neighborhood By-Laws**

## **Adopted December, 1999**

### **Article I Name**

The name shall be the Lower Northside and Depot Neighbors. Regular meetings will generally be held once a month. The boundaries of the association shall be Monitor St. to the South, Clinton St. to the North, Oak St. to the East and the Black River to the West, with the addition of West Copeland Park.

### **Article II Purpose**

Our purpose shall be to promote a better neighborhood and community through group action.

### **Article III Governance**

Any resident, property owner or business owner in this neighborhood is eligible for membership and may become a member by attending a general meeting and signing the roster. The members are the basic governing body of the association. They shall select all officers and committee chair people and determine all policies of the group. Any member in good standing may cast one vote on all business, including the election of officers, by attending any regular meeting of the association. A member shall be in good standing if that member has attended at least one general membership meeting during the previous 12 months. These by-laws may be over-ruled in the case of an emergency only if there has been a good faith effort to notify all members of a meeting to do so. In such a case, a vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all members attending the meeting is necessary to over-rule the by-laws.

### **Article IV Officers**

Election of officers will be in January and they will take office Feb. 1. The officers of the association shall be Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. The terms of office will be one year, and cannot run consecutively. The officers' duties shall be as follows with additional duties as directed by the membership:

Chair: Supervision of meeting, business and other group functions

Vice-Chair: Stands in for Chair when needed, keeps current & assists Chair with duties

Secretary/Treasurer: Keeps minutes, official records & correspondence

## **Article V Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and the heads of the Standing Committees. All actions of the Board shall be approved by the membership and officially recorded.

## **Article VI Standing Committees**

There will be three Standing Committees: Parks, Housing and Infrastructure. Other committees may be established to perform other tasks but their heads will not be voting board members. Committees will report all actions at the next general membership meeting.

## **Article VII Amendments**

These by-laws can be amended at any time by a majority vote at two consecutive general membership meetings. Any member may propose an amendment. When voted upon and approved at two consecutive general meetings, the amendment becomes effective immediately.

## **Article VIII Adoption**

These by-laws will be considered adopted upon ratification by a majority vote at two consecutive general membership meetings. It shall go into effect immediately upon adoption.