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Lorraine Park
Neighborhood Association

Articles & Bylaws of the
Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Name

The name of this association shall be officially registered and do business as Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association hereinafter referred to as "Association".

Section 2. Principal Office

The current address and location of the principal office of the association is: Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association, 1167 South Taft Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714. The Executive Committee may, from time to time, change the address to coincide with the address of the person currently serving as president of the Association.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. Purpose

To operate as a nonprofit organization, operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, the membership of which shall be limited to persons described in ARTICLE III hereof. The net earnings of the Association, if any, will be devoted to charitable, educational, or recreational purposes, or for the purpose of neighborhood improvements as agreed upon by the majority of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and members present. Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

Section 2. Mission Statement

In brief, it is the mission of the Association to improve the safety, security, and appearance of our neighborhood, and to continually strive toward the development of a community-wide spirit of unity and cooperation, thus creating a better quality of life for all our neighbors.

Section 3. Objectives

- (a) To promote through group action and diplomacy the correction of neighborhood problems brought to the attention of the Association by its membership, and through tactful communication, collaboration and fellowship, foster an atmosphere of openness, friendliness and solidarity within our neighborhood.
- (b) To share with our neighbors a common vision of a better community built through teamwork, pride and a commitment to the future.

ARTICLE III
(Membership)

- Section 1. Membership in the Association shall be open to individuals of legal age who own property or reside within the geographical area of the Association, which is hereby described as follows: The Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association consists of all residential or commercial property located in an area including both sides of Washington Avenue, East of Weinbach Avenue, West of Boeke Avenue, and North of Covert Avenue, and located within the city limits of Evansville, Indiana.
- Section 2. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. The term, "members in good standing" is defined as those listed on the Association roll who have paid their dues for the current year. Members in good standing are hereinafter referred to as "members."
- Section 3. Current annual dues for membership are as follows: \$10.00 per household and \$30.00 per business hereinafter referred to as "Friends of the Association". The Executive Committee shall conduct a yearly review of all considerations of membership dues at least thirty (30) days prior the Association's annual business meeting. Any decisions or proposals affecting changes in dues shall be established by a majority vote of those members in attendance at said meeting.

ARTICLE IV
(Meetings)

- Section 1. The annual business meeting of the Association members shall be held within Vanderburgh County, Indiana, in January of each year for the purpose of electing new officers, the collection of annual dues and other business as may properly come before the Association.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet on an as needed basis to conduct the ordinary business of the Association.
- Section 3. Special meetings of the Association may be called by any two (2) officers, or by a signed petition from any five (5) members. Notice of each special meeting, as well as an agenda for such meeting, shall be distributed to all members under the direction of the Secretary, at least two (2) weeks in advance. The business transacted at any special meeting shall be confined to the purpose stated in such notice.

Section 4. A quorum for any annual or special meeting of members shall consist of five percent (5%) of the membership in good standing.

Section 5. All business meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with "Roberts Rules of Order." However, the President or any other officer presiding over an Association meeting shall have the right, at his or her discretion, to limit the time any one member can control the floor during the conducting of business and all other matters related to the Association. To encourage free and open discussion, this right shall be conservatively exercised.

ARTICLE V (Officers)

Section 1. The principal officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Each officer shall serve a term of one (1) year, with no restriction on number of terms served.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the principal officers and members-at-large elected by the membership. The members-at-large must constitute a majority of the Executive Committee. Vacancy of any office shall be filled at the next meeting of the membership. The current officers may assume the duties of the vacant office until it is filled.

Section 3. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Executive Committee. The President shall coordinate the efforts of the various committees and represent the Association to the media and to city and county government.

Section 4. The Vice President shall be the primary officer in charge of the various committees. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President to meet with the chairpersons of these committees to assist them in their different tasks, and to substitute for the President as needed.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the official minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall also collect the minutes of various committees as needed, and if requested, shall supply the President with same.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of receipts and expenditures and shall submit a financial report to the Board of Directors at each monthly meeting.

Section 7. Removal

Removal from office shall only be for cause. Any member of the Association may present a petition to the Executive Committee for removal of an officer based on cause. The petition will be presented at the next regular meeting. A simple majority vote by the members present is required for removal. "Cause" shall include, but not be limited to, failure to fulfill the obligations of such office, consistent absence from meetings, and failure to maintain membership in good standing.

Section 8. Appointed position

The membership chairperson shall maintain an accurate membership roll and supply this list to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Serves at the discretion of the president.

ARTICLE VI
(Committees)

Committees shall be established as needed. The only standing committee shall be the Membership Committee.

ARTICLE VII
(Amendments)

These bylaws may be amended, altered or repealed; or new additional bylaws may be adopted, after second reading, by the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present. The language for any amendment(s) to the Articles and Bylaws must be specified in the notice of meeting at which said amendment(s) will be considered.

ARTICLE VIII
(Dissolution)

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining, after all debts and liabilities have been paid or discharged, will be transferred to UNOE, United Neighborhoods of Evansville. In no event shall any member receive money or other property from this Association in dissolution and liquidation or otherwise on account of, or as a result of, any contribution made or membership dues paid to the Association.