

BY-LAWS OF
STAR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

SECTION 1 NAME

The name of this organization shall be the STAR Neighborhood Association, Inc. hereinafter referred to as STAR. No part of these by-laws shall be construed as conflicting with city, state, or federal laws.

SECTION 2 PURPOSE

The purpose for which this corporation is formed is as follows:

- a. to operate as an organization not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, the membership of which shall be limited to persons described in Article II hereof, and the net earning of which, if any, will be devoted to charitable, educational, or recreational purposes as set out sub-paragraphs b, c, and d below.
- b. to work with Department of Metropolitan Development of the City of Evansville, or any other federal, state or municipal governmental agency to apply for funds to be spent by said agencies for the improvement to the neighborhood area.
- c. to promote through group action the correction of neighborhood problems brought to the attention of the corporation by its membership, thereby promoting an atmosphere of unity, cooperation, openness, and friendliness within the neighborhood.
- d. to do any and all things necessary for the betterment of the area.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 MEMBERS

Membership is open to all residents eighteen years or over who live and reside within the boundaries described in Article II, Section 3.

SECTION 2 BUSINESSES

Membership is open to all business within the boundaries described in Article II, Section 3.

SECTION 3 BOUNDARIES

Both sides of First Avenue on the East, both sides of West Tennessee street on the North, both sides of Fulton Avenue on the West, and the North side of Pennsylvania Street on the South.

SECTION 4 VOTING

Each card holding member in attendance at a meeting of STAR is entitled to one vote. There will be no proxies. The President only votes in case of a tie.

SECTION 5 DUES

The Board of Directors has the authority to require dues. Any dues requirement must be approved by a majority vote at a regular meeting of STAR.

SECTION 6 RULE ON VOTING

Not more than one vote per member. Elections of officers thereof shall be by secret ballot if requested by any member of STAR.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS

SECTION 1 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting shall be held the First Thursday of March, in which election of officers will held.

SECTION 2 REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular membership meeting shall be held on the first Thursday of each month, unless President sees fit to change to the second Thursday of hte month due to a holiday. Special membership meetings may be called by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The steering committee shall meet at least once a month as called by the President or any three (3) Board of Directors.

SECTION 4 QUORUM

At all meetings of the membership of the corporation, those individual members present shall constitute a quorum; provided, however, that no action required by law, or by these By-laws to be authorized or taken by a designated proportion of the individual members may be authorized or taken by a lesser proportion thereof.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 AUTHORITY; NUMBER

The governing body of this Corporation shall be the Board of Directors wha shall consist of 4-7 members. The Board of Directors who shall consist of a President, Vice-Present, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the membership at each annual meeting; 1-3 standing committee chairpersons, who are appointed by the Officers and approved by the membership at each annual meeting. The Board of Directors may invite non-voting advisors to serve on and/or assist the Board of Directors and may create additional committees and appoint chairpersons for said committees.

SECTION 2 VACANCIES

Vacant officer positions shall be filled by special elections held at the next regular meeting.

SECTION 3 REMOVAL

Removal shall only be for cause. Any member of STAR may present a petition to the Board of Directors for removal of an Officer based on cause. The petition will be presented at the next regular meeting. A majority vote is required for removal. "Cause" shall include but not be limited to unexcused absences from meeting for three (3) consecutive months.

SECTION 4 NOMINATION AND TERM OF OFFICERS

- a. Nomination for office shall be accepted by volunteer application presented to the Board of Directors or by nomination from the floor.
- b. The candidate receiving a majority shall be the winner.
- c. The terms of office for all officers shall be one year each. The officers may be re-elected.
- d. The Board of Directors may from time to time create an additional officer and propose person to fill said offices in accordance with this Article.

SECTION 5 QUORUM

One half of the members of the Board of Directors currently serving shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V DUTIES

SECTION 1 DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. Duties of the President and Vice-President
 - (1) In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall act in his/her place.
 - (2) The President or Vice-President shall preside at the general meetings of STAR.
 - (3) The President or Vice-President shall preside at the Board of Directors meetings of STAR.
 - (4) The President or Vice-President shall represent STAR in communication with the officers of and representatives of the City of Evansville, either in person or by delegating this duty to the Board of Directors or other individuals concerned.
 - (5) The President and the Vice-President shall maintain a list of members and the attendance record.

- b. **Duties of the Secretary**
- (1) The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of STAR.
 - (2) The Secretary shall send a replacement for whatever meetings he or she cannot attend.
 - (3) The Secretary shall furnish copies of the minutes to the successor secretary.
 - (4) The Secretary shall furnish copies of these minutes to the President of Vice-President.
- c. **Duties of the Treasurer**
- (1) The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of expenses incurred by STAR.
 - (2) The Treasurer shall at any time be prepared to present the record of expenditures and balance of funds.
 - (3) The Treasurer shall be responsible for any monies such as dues or proceeds from money-making projects as applicable.
 - (4) The Treasurer shall be responsible for an annual audit by a non STAR member.
- d. **Duties of the Board of Directors**
- (1) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for:
 - (a.) Carry on business between general meetings and preparing proposals to be presented at general meetings.
 - (b.) Serve as a screening committee for nomination of officers and consider applications for new committees.
 - (2) Barring ill health, all members of the Board of Directors shall be in attendance at all Board of Directors meetings or otherwise represented by their appointed alternate.
 - (3) A vote of the majority of the Board of Directors is required for passage of a motion, with the President voting in a tie only.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 AMENDMENTS

To amend or present new By-Laws it shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least 10 days prior to vote. By-laws may be established, amended, revised or repealed only by a majority vote eligible voters of STAR in attendance at the general meeting announced for such purpose. Proxies may not be used.