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Charter

For the

Mission

The ******* ****** ****** ******* is a cooperative association dedicated to representing and supporting the interests of businesses located within **********. The **** is committed to preserving and promoting the unique nature, eclectic image and original integrity of the neighborhood as well as to ensuring an [...]

Structure

The ******* ******* ***************** is established as an un-incorporated membership organization, with decision making powers vested in a [...]

Membership

Membership is available to any business or organization located within the *********** District (defined below) and interested in furthering the goals of the ****. Members are invited to participate in all **** meetings, and are eligible to vote on the makeup of the Core Group and on issues brought before them by the Core Group. Additional benefits of membership [...]

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Officers

In order to manage the affairs of the ****, the Core Group will select from the 10 elected members the following officers:

<u>The President</u> will preside over all meetings of the Core Group and the general membership.

<u>The Secretary</u> will be charged with communicating the actions of the Core Group to the general membership, and with completing any reporting requirements which may arise with regard to governmental or other legal responsibilities.

The Treasurer will be charged with receiving all dues, grants, sponsorships and other income of the ****, paying all bills, fees, dues and other expenses of the ****, and providing the Core Group and general membership with a record of these activities and reports on the financial position of the ****.

Each <u>Standing Committee Chair</u> will oversee the activities and preside over the meetings of the Standing Committees.

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Standing Committees

In order to accomplish the goals of the ****, a set of standing committees is established:

The Committee on Finance will oversee the placement of **** funds in an appropriate repository; will propose an annual budget for operations of the ****; will supervise the collection and disbursement of funds; and will provide for an accurate accounting for all financial activities of the ****.

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Standing Committees may be given the ability to spend money on behalf of the ****. If so, a specific budget will be provided, and no expenditure above that budget will be allowed.

Other Committees

In order to achieve the mission and goals of the ****, additional, ad-hoc committees may be desirable from time to time. Such committees may be proposed by any member and must be approved by the Core Group. [...]

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The Annual Agenda

The regular planning mechanism of the **** is the Annual Agenda, proposed by the Core Group at each annual meeting and approved by the general membership. The Agenda will lay out all activities of the **** to be undertaken in the coming year.

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Meetings

The general membership will gather from time to time to discuss the activities of the ****, to network with other members, and to vote on items put before them by the Core Group. [...]

A regular schedule of meetings may be established by the Core Group. If a regular schedule is established, no further notice of meetings [...]

Special meetings may be called by the Core Group in order to bring items of urgent interest before the general membership. The date, time, place and agenda for any special meeting [...]

Non-member attendance at meetings will be by member invitation only[...]

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Voting

All members in good standing will vote on items before them at regular and called meetings. [...]

[...]

Budget

All proposed activities of the ****, as voted on in the Annual Agenda, will have an estimated income and expense budget. The Annual Agenda will be accompanied by an aggregate report on these estimates and the entire budget will be approved by the general membership at the Annual Meeting.

[...]

Amendments

This Charter may be amended by the General Membership at any meeting for which an amendment to the Charter has been announced as part of the Agenda. [...]