



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Inner Strength By Renee Meiller

“One of the main reasons I chose ‘Inner Strength’ as my business name is to counter the mainstream emphasis on appearance,” says personal trainer Alden Grindle. “Rather, I want to promote the idea that exercise and fitness lead to a ‘can-do’ attitude and a more positive outlook overall.”

Nestled rather unobtrusively between the Asian Sweet Bakery and Atomic Interiors, Inner Strength Personal Training is among the many solid local businesses whose owners have chosen to locate—or relocate—along Park Street.

Nearly three years ago, Inner Strength owner Grindle moved his studio from its longtime location on University Avenue in Middleton to 1021 S. Park St.—a cheerful, airy building that also is home to Atomic and relative newcomer The Sewcial Lounge. For Grindle, the move was important because it offered him a central location in an increasingly vibrant area of Madison.

A personal trainer for more than 15 years, Grindle works with clients ranging in age from teens to the high side of 80—and their reasons for working out with him run the gamut, from overall fitness and a healthier lifestyle to strength training, injury rehabilitation and beyond. After an initial free consultation and workout, during which he deepens his understanding of what a new client hopes to accomplish through his or her training, Grindle then develops a workout program tailored specifically to that individual’s strengths, limitations and goals.

His philosophy—“fitness is a lifestyle”—is simple, but it resonates with people who seek to integrate more physical activity into their daily routine. “I take great satisfaction in training people who want to be more active, and helping them feel good about exercise,” says Grindle.

At 30 minutes, Grindle’s workouts are an ideal length: Research has shown that a short burst of high-intensity exercise, followed by a period of rest, is a great way to get in shape—and Grindle’s twice-weekly workouts help his clients stay motivated and on the right track. “For people with busy schedules, 30-minute sessions also are an easy way to fit exercise into their day,” he says.

Grindle’s business hours are Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and he’s happy to show people his studio and talk with them about personal training. He trains clients by appointment (so the best way to catch up with him is by texting or phoning him), and he prides himself on accommodating the many busy and often erratic schedules of his clients. You can reach him at (608) 320-9600 or check out [exerciseinnerstrength.com](http://exerciseinnerstrength.com).

## The Sewcial Lounge By Sara Richards

The bright yellow awning at 841 West Lakeside Street, just off Park, signals the welcoming warm atmosphere inside the shop. Sara Myers, proprietor, explains that the shop offers quilting materials and classes, specializing in modern designer fabrics not found at other stores.

The classes are designed to complete an entire project during the class. Examples have included making tote bags, zipper pouches, table top quilts, or T-shirts. Most classes are designed to accommodate multiple levels of sewing skills from beginner (including “I’ve never sewn before”) to advanced. Some (Continued on Page 2)

### Bay Creek Billboard

**Sat Aug 22 12: 00 noon** Madison Labor Temple (Park St. and Wingra Dr). Celebrate South Madison featuring live bands, food and family activities. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/southmetroplanning> for more info

**Sat Aug 29 1:00 pm** Annual Bay Creek Ice Cream Social at Bay Creek Orchard (by new sign). Please bring a topping to share. Non dairy ice cream will be available. Rain date: Sun, Aug 30. See page 6 for more info.

**Sun Aug 9, Sept 11 and Oct 11 1:30 pm** Guided nature walks by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Meet at the Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr

**Mon Sept 14 6:30 pm** BCNA Bi-Monthly Meeting at the Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 per household can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Sara Richards 710 Spruce St 53715. Please make checks payable to BCNA. Thanks to all who paid

**2nd Sat of every month 10:00 a.m. to noon** Shoreline clean up with Friends of Monona Bay. Contact Nina for info. Email: [ninaj@wisc.edu](mailto:ninaj@wisc.edu), phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.  
**Aug 12 (and 2nd Wed of every other month) 6:30 p.m.** Friends of Monona Bay meeting at Barriques on Park St. Call Lisie for info: 266-5248.

**Sewcial Lounge (Continued from Page 1)** participants bring their own machines while others use those available in the store. Classes are held in the airy bright room above the store.

Originally located on Monroe Street, Sara was looking for a new site because of parking issues. She loved the space when she looked at it and moved in about a year ago. It has been going well with a good response from the neighborhood as well as from Monroe Street customers who followed the store to its new location.

Sara herself has been sewing on and off her whole life, she says. While going to graduate school to get her business degree, she sewed to relieve stress. She “loves making things”. Her favorite project is to make aprons for friends. This arose from her own love of baking.

Besides catering to quilters with the lush supply of beautiful fabrics, the store is a handy neighborhood source for typical sewing needs including elastic, embroidery floss, zippers, pillow forms, and kits for hand stitched toys. It also can be a source of general advice on sewing problems or private sewing lessons.

For more information see the website at [www.thesewciallounge.com](http://www.thesewciallounge.com) or call 608 285 5815. Or better yet, stop in!

### **It's Kitten Season! By Pam Gates**

One Sunday afternoon in July, I walked down to Nutzy Mutts and Crazy Cats, the pet supply shop at 330 W. Lakeside St., and found the place indeed crazy with cats. Nine of them, to be exact! Shop cats Artie and Ocho

were their usual laid-back selves, even while surrounded by seven – yes, seven – gamboling, wrestling, climbing, prancing, peek-a-boosing kittens. All seven were either all-black or black and white, and all appeared happy and healthy.

And why not? They're in a great, safe place and are being socialized by “Uncles” Artie and Ocho, dogs that come to visit (Black Lab Buddy was really hoping I'd take his picture, too!), and customers, especially the kids, all of whom know the shop has kittens, owner Liz Perry says. She said that all the kittens have been checked by a vet, have had their shots, and have been neutered or spayed. And every one of them has been promised to a home.

But do not despair. If the description or the picture got your heart set on a new pet, Liz assured me that there will be more kittens, because it's kitten season. Liz works through Dane County Friends of Ferals, which has nine (and maybe more) pregnant females at the moment.

Friends of Ferals does charge for the kittens, though mostly what they're charging are the vet fees: \$100 for one kitten, \$150 for two. If you take a cat older than 6 months, the charge is \$60.

You never know what you're going to find at NMCC,” Liz said when I mentioned the white rooster I'd noticed in a pen at the shop the last time I was there. The rooster, who was from New York, found a home here, she told me.

For more information on kittens or anything else pet-related, you can call Nutzy Mutts and Crazy Cats at 256-3647. The shop is open Mon.- Fri. 11:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 to 5:00 on Sat. and Sun.



## BCNA July 13, 2015 Meeting Summary By Carol Medaris

Judy Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**Planning and Economic Development (PED) Committee:** Co-chair Carrie Rothburt reported on the status of the Wingra Point II development. Please see article on Page 4

**Young, Gifted and Black Presentation:** Nell Schaefer asked if the BCNA would like to have a presentation made by this group – either a multi-racial presentation or one with white, racial justice advocate presenters. Their organization has made presentations, generally lasting a couple of hours, in different settings, for example at someone's house or in an organizational setting. The Bahai representative present at tonight's meeting indicated an interest in her organization perhaps being a co-sponsor, and Judy volunteered to work with her to determine interest in such a meeting. (A quorum was not present at tonight's meeting, so no formal vote could be taken.)

**Bylaws Committee:** The bylaws committee has scheduled another committee meeting to see if they can reach consensus on the proposed amendment as a whole, to be published in the next Bulletin and then voted on at our next general meeting. If the committee cannot succeed in this, a vote on the contested issues will have to be brought before the general meeting. We discussed briefly the meaning of "consensus" which apparently varies among different organizations.

**Monthly meetings:** We briefly discussed the pros and cons of having meetings monthly instead of bi-monthly, but since we didn't have a quorum, we postponed further discussion until next meeting.

**Traffic calming on W Lakeside:** Mike Ivey brought up the continuing difficulties with traffic on West Lakeside. He explained what he has learned about the limited choices for traffic calming devices given that Lakeside is a main thoroughway, and that some devices, for example a raised circle at the intersection, must be approved by all near neighbors, although there is apparently some discretion in how broadly the neighbors are polled. He will continue to work with neighbors and other interested parties on this issue.

**Ice Cream Social:** This is usually held on Labor Day weekend, but that is so late this year that it was decided to hold it on Saturday, August 29th, with the 30th as the rain-date. It will be from 1:00 to 3:00 in the "Bay Creek Orchard" (near our neighborhood sign). Participants should bring their favorite toppings, and there will be a designated space for toppings that are peanut-free, in consideration of those with allergies.

**BCNA Newsletter:** Judy Robinson said that it is due to go out August 1st.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Robinson said that we are current, now that most delinquent advertisers are getting their payments in, although there is still one very delinquent advertiser.

**Contacts:** Bob Stoffs could not attend tonight, but asked that members be reminded about "Celebrate South Madison," put on by the South Madison Planning Council and to be held August 22nd on the Labor Temple grounds.

**Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT):** Ron Shutvet announced that fall dances will begin again in September in the Park and that nature walks continue the second Saturday of every month at 1:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

A volunteer is needed to facilitate our next meeting, Monday September 14th.

## Corrections

The June-July issue of the Bulletin carried an incorrect version of News from Olin-Turville. Due to an error, the copy was a repeat of the 2013 article. We regret the error.

Bob Lockhart, a graduate architect in the neighborhood, pointed out the need to clarify his role at the Urban Design Commission meeting of May 20, 2015, regarding Wingra Point II, the project at Park and Fish Hatchery. A new version of the Wingra Point II project was presented, but it was not Bob's. Rather the new version was the project architect's evolution of the project. UDC voting, thoughts, recommendations, conditions, etc. were all related to the project architect's presentation.

Bob's idea was on-line for all to see earlier. Some commission members had been briefed of his thoughts, as well as 13th district alder Sara Eskrich. Bob's entrance patio featured the targeted point business as an ice cream parlor. The space would have served as a gathering place for neighbors to enjoy ice cream in favorable weather and served as a reminder of the dairy previously on the site

## Wingra Point II Update By Carrie Rothburd and Steve Davis

The Plan Commission voted on 6/8 to approve plans for Wingra Point II (WPII) with Planning staff's few conditions on development after voicing safety concerns about the project's lack of defined storm water management plan and Traffic Engineering's (TE's) proposed removal of the pedestrian island at Lakeside and Park to accommodate commercial traffic turning left from Park Street into WPII's parking structure. Unaddressed were neighbors' concerns, submitted via a petition listing conditions (no nighttime business in WPII's commercial space without separate Common Council approval, resident parking as part of leases, and adequate storm water control and traffic safety measures along Park and Fish Hatchery). More than 200 households (9 of every 10 approached) signed the petition. (T. Wall told the Commission he'd been meeting with neighbors since June 2014 and that concerned neighbors' conditions came as a surprise.)

The Common Council voted on 6/18 to support Wingra Point II with Planning staff's conditions and the additional conditions of: 1) including a green roof on the 3-story town home section of WPII along Park, 2) banning a nighttime eating establishment from the development without separate Council approval, and 3) holding all sections to 5 stories or fewer. Alder Eskrich took T. Wall to task to include parking spaces in WPII residents' leases (with opt-out option for no-car households), but when he objected to honoring his earlier agreement to this condition, the conversation ended. Alders Baldeh and Rummel proposed granting a 2-week referral on the Council's vote to encourage resolution of parking, traffic, and wastewater issues to neighbors' satisfaction. Alder Eskrich opposed this option, and the Council voted to support WPII with one abstention.

WPII now returns to Urban Design, which granted Wingra Point II provisional approval on the grounds that its storm water management plans were inadequate and its general design mediocre. Traffic plans will be reviewed for approval by TE including neighbors' proposal of a permanent median treatment in South Park Street to block left turns north from the parking structure onto Park. This median also will block cut-throughs from the development onto Lakeside and left turns south from Lakeside onto Park.

After a brief hiatus from action, the BCNA Planning & Economic Development Committee (PED) will resume meeting. First on its agenda is organizing a free neighborhood training led by David Thompson, retired conservation professor, to instruct neighbors on how to monitor construction site wastewater runoff effectively. PED also will explore options for undertaking a Bay Creek neighborhood plan. A wonderful way of coming together as a community for envisioning our future, such a plan is necessary for having a viable stake in local planning and development. Lastly PED co-chairs, along with Allen Arntsen, Lisie Kitchel, and Jenny Hayes have agreed to serve on the new steering committee of Park Street's next proposed development to be located at Bay Creek's northern boundary with Greenbush. This committee will be led by Urban Assets, whose principal also serves on the UDC.

**Planning and Economic Development (PED) Committee:** Co-chairs Carrie Rothburd and Steve Davis summarized the meetings of the Plan Commission and the Common Council. They reported on the successes of their committee work: All involved learned a great deal about the City's development process and the challenges of involvement in this process as citizens. These challenges involve keeping informed of the City's priorities and of ever-changing development plans; gaining the ear and the respect of City staff and developers; attending multiple and lengthy meetings; and forging a common purpose as neighbors amid differences of opinion. To our credit, a large number of neighbors came together around Wingra Point II to find what facilitator Bert Stitt calls the "angels in the details" of this project. While many of our concerns—framed as conditions on development in the petition signed by 200 neighbors—were not approved because the City does not currently possess the guidelines or plans for implementing them, we were able to effect some important changes and to gain a place at the planning table. The PED committee will continue its work to represent neighbors' perspectives on the large number of upcoming building projects in Bay Creek. Mr. Stitt, who facilitated two meetings of Bay Creek neighbors around Wingra Point II, continues as our informal advisor.

### Rockabetty's will be moving....soon!

Work on the new location at 1216 S Park is going slower than planned, but things are progressing  
To get the latest news on the progress, you can check out their Facebook page or go the Rockabettys.com



# **NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES**

## **BCNA Ice Cream Social**

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 29, between 1 and 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 30. Join us at the site of the sign across from the Goodman Pool between Olin and Van Deusen. There will be vanilla, chocolate and vegan ice creams. Please bring a topping to share. Dishes and plasticware are provided.

## **Funk Factory Event**

Levi Funk, owner of the Funk Factory at 1604 Gilson Street, announces an open house Friday, August 7, from 3-10 pm. This is in conjunction with the Great Taste of the Midwest on August 8. Levi will be featuring O'so Brewery from Plover, Wisconsin, (and possibly some beers from the Chicago area).

Besides beer, the Funk Factory features artwork based on the label designs for the beer he bottles. Levi is eager to meet the neighbors so if you attend, be sure to introduce yourself as a Bay Creek resident.

## **Food Carts at Franklin School**

Let's Eat Out has scheduled food carts to be in front of Franklin School on Mondays 5:30-7:30 p.m. through August 27. Recent carts there were Fried and Fabulous with shrimp, chicken or walleye dinners or subs and Bubbles Doubles with spicy and delicious Trinidadian food.

## **One-Time Volunteers Needed at Romnes**

The Romnes Resident Association needs one or two volunteers to monitor and oversee the election of its board members. The volunteer(s) will observe the election, count the votes and sign tally sheets. The entire process will take about three hours. The election takes place on Friday, September 18, 2015. Those interested in performing this important and much appreciated function should call John Beeman at 215-6825.

## **Clean Lakes Alliance Talks**

Clean Lakes Alliance Talks at The Edgewater are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month except December. Yahara Lakes 101 events are free for Friends of Clean Lakes (\$35 minimum donation per year) or \$10 per talk. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and the presentation runs from 8 to 9 a.m. Registration includes free parking, complimentary coffee, pastries, fruit and, of course, lake view. Register online at <http://bit.ly/y1101cafe>, or call Clean Lakes Alliance at (608) 255-1000.

\* Thursday, August 13 - "Underwater Weeds: Weird Plants in Wisconsin Lakes" (Alison Mikulyuk)

\* Thursday, September 10 - "Carried Away: Stream Flow and Nutrient Transport to the Lakes" (Todd Stuntebeck)

\* Thursday, October 8 - "Saving Our Urban Stormwater: The Role of Stormwater Management" (Roger Bannerman)

\* Thurs., November 12 - "LakeForecast.org: All Eyes on Lake Water Quality" (Clean Lakes Alliance staff)

## **Young, Gifted and Black**

There are many discussions taking place in our community regarding racism. Some have been prompted by specific events and others have a wider scope and are addressing systemic and institutional issues.

Young, Gifted and Black is one of the groups that has been reaching out to organizations to engage people in the process. They have been giving presentations as a way to generate conversations and create a forum for people to express their thoughts and opinions.

We are in the process of organizing a presentation for Bay Creek which will take place in the fall. We will have more information in the next issue of the Bay Creek Bulletin.

To learn more about the work that Young, Gifted and Black is doing throughout the country, go to [www.ygbcoalition.org](http://www.ygbcoalition.org).

## Senior Notes

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites you to lunch at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, Mondays-Fridays at 11:30 a.m. All lunches include an optional vegetarian entrée and on Wednesdays you can opt for a main dish salad as your entrée. Suggested donation is \$4 per meal for persons 60 and older. Others who attend are asked to pay \$7.50.

Meals must be reserved no less than 24 hours in advance, but you can sign up for all of your choices in the month at one time, if you wish. Call the coalition office at 251-8405 for more information or to reserve meals.

Transportation to lunch door-to-door from your home is available on a donation basis (\$1 round trip). Rides must be reserved separately by calling Transit Solutions, 294-8747, at least 24 hours in advance.

**National Lighthouse Day:** Enjoy a picnic style lunch as you take a virtual tour of Wisconsin lighthouses on Friday, August 7. Our meal includes barbecued ribs, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, mixed fresh fruit, a roll and Jell-O.

Senior Citizen Day

**Senior Citizen Day:** Celebrate yourself at lunch on Friday, August 21. Enjoy your favorite foods while you share humor and some toe-tapping music. Lunch will include barbecued ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, jalapeno cornbread, mixed fruit and peach cobbler. After the meal, enjoy special entertainment by Patsy Cline impersonator, Karen Wickham, with her soulful renditions of timeless tunes from 11:50-12:50.



**Annual Catered Picnic at Romnes:** Adults age 60+ who live in the Baycreek neighborhood are invited to attend our annual picnic, catered by Gaylord Catering on Friday, August 28. Join us for brats in beer and onions, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings; potato salad, creamy coleslaw, fresh fruit salad and cold punch. (Vegetarian option available on request.) Early reservations are needed for this event; call 251-8405 by Tuesday, August 25.

## News from Olin-Turville By Andria Blattner

Our Bird and Nature Walks are on the 2nd Sunday at 1:30. Our next walks are on August 9, September 13, and October 11. We will be looking for whatever is interesting birds, tracks, insects or plants. On the August walk I'll talk about bats – not that we will see them – and show some of the survey results.

There seem to be plenty of bats in Turville and Olin Parks this summer. I did the survey on a beautiful July night with fire flies sparkling up the woods and little raccoons scampering up a tree. I don't have the official report yet but there were almost constant traces on the monitor. It was great to see so many. Their problem will be to make it through the winter without getting White-Nose Syndrome which has now moved into Wisconsin.



Our neighbor Lili Kelly found a young mink along the bike path on the John Nolan causeway. We took it to Amy Liem, who volunteers at the Four Lakes Wildlife Center. She identified it for sure and took it in to the center. Later that week one from the Nine Springs Area was brought in. I was surprised that mink were in this area. The adults don't get bigger than 2 pounds and have beautiful fur. They always live very near water. They are carnivores, eating fish, rodents, reptiles, eggs, amphibians. Has anyone seen them around Monona Bay? The little ones are very cute. You can see them on Facebook-- of course--pictures were posted on June 28 at <https://www.facebook.com/dchsflwc> or <https://www.facebook.com/dchsflwc/posts/602870069854774?fref=hovercard>

**Bluebird Trail Report:** It has been interesting to see how dynamic the nesting habits of our birds are. Eleven of the boxes had two or more nests. In Turville Point and Olin Parks the Bluebirds and Tree Swallows fight for the space. In Quann and Goodman Parks the House Sparrows are a problem, but this year two new boxes were used by Bluebirds, one that had been empty all last year. Tree Swallows took over the box Bluebirds used last year and were successful. Everywhere the House Wrens seem to come later and fill the box with sticks and sometimes actually make a nest and lay eggs.

Bluebirds used 5 boxes and had 19 babies successfully leave the nest. One is still on the nest. Tree swallows did better again this year, they used 10 boxes had 27 fledged and 5 still on the nest. House Wrens have taken over 5 boxes. They are still eggs or very new hatchlings.

As always, take a break and go for a hike--

# Proposed Changes to Bay Creek Neighborhood Association Bylaws

by Judy Robinson

Ron Shutvet and Linda Baumann co-chaired an ad hoc committee on bylaw revisions. The BCNA bylaws were last reviewed in 2006. Some of the changes they proposed have been approved and other changes merited more discussion based on feedback from Bay Creek residents. Carol Medaris, Kirk Elliott and I met with Linda and Ron to review and revise the proposed changes. The revised version of the proposed changes are listed below with changes in italics. The changes will need to be voted on and approved at the Sept. 14 meeting before they go into effect. To see the full bylaws, please go to [baycreekmadison.org](http://baycreekmadison.org) and click on the Publications link at the bottom of the page. If you don't have Internet access, please call Judy Robinson at (608) 469-1218 for a printed copy.

## Article I. Purpose

Current version: Section 3. No member or officer may receive compensation for his or her services as a member or officer of the association. However, nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any member or officer from serving the association in any other capacity, or receiving reasonable compensation therefor.

Proposed version: Section 3. No member or officer may receive compensation for his or her services as a member or officer of the association.

## Article II. Membership

Current version: Section 1. Membership in the association is open to all persons age 18 and over who reside in the City of Madison in Census District 13, the area bounded by Monona Bay and Lake, Wingra Creek and Delaplaine Court.

Proposed version: Section 1. Membership in the association is open to all persons age 18 and over who reside in the City of Madison in Census District 13, the area bounded by ***Lake Monona, Monona Bay, Wingra Creek, and Haywood Drive.***

Current version: Section 2. Any such resident may become a member of the association. Membership is on a calendar year basis. There are voluntary yearly dues of \$10.00 per household. An announcement about the yearly voluntary dues shall be in each BC newsletter. The money goes to the treasurer. Every resident over the age of 18 in BC may become a member, even if he or she does not contribute. The BC Bulletin will go to everyone whether he or she is a dues paying member or not.

Proposed version: Section 2. Change last line to read: The BC Bulletin will go to every ***household*** whether ***they are dues paying members or not.***

Current version: Section 3. Membership is initiated by signing a list at a general membership meeting, or by indicating an interest in joining the association in writing to a member of the Neighborhood Council.

Proposed version: Section 3. Membership is initiated by ***attending a*** general membership meeting, or by indicating an interest in joining the association in writing to a member of the Neighborhood Council.

## Article III. Meetings

The word "be" is added in Section 1. for grammatical correction.

Section 1. There shall ***be*** at least bimonthly membership meetings of the association. There shall be an annual meeting to elect officers and report on activities of the association.

Current version: 1.2 Notice of all meetings of the general membership or the Neighborhood Council shall be announced in the Bay Creek Bulletin prior to the meeting, except that if necessary, an emergency meeting of the general membership or the Neighborhood Council may be held without advance notice.

Proposed version: 1.2 Notice of all meetings of the ***general membership*** shall be announced in the Bay Creek Bulletin prior to the meeting except that, if necessary, ***a special or*** emergency meeting may be held ***with the best available notice. The Neighborhood Council shall meet on an as needed basis, with the best available notice.***

***Proposed addition: 1.2.1 The proposed agenda of all meetings of the general membership shall be posted on the association website at least two days prior to the meeting. Items may be added to the agenda at a meeting, but shall be for discussion only, except for items of a routine or operational nature.***

## Bylaws (continued)

Current version: 1.3 At any meeting of the general membership or the Neighborhood Council, a quorum consists of a simple majority of Neighborhood Council members being present.

Proposed version: 1.3 At any meeting of the general membership or the Neighborhood Council, a quorum consists of a simple majority of Neighborhood Council members present. (see Article V, Section 1). ***If there is no quorum, the meeting may continue with discussion but no votes may be taken.***

Current version: Section 4. General membership meetings of the association will be facilitated on a rotating basis by any member of the association, agreed upon by consensus at the previous meeting.

Proposed version: Section 4. General membership meetings of the association will be facilitated on a rotating basis by any member of the association, ***agreed upon by consensus.***

## Article V. Neighborhood Council

Current version: Section 1. The Neighborhood Council shall consist of area representatives, standing committee chairs and current officers. Duties include, but are not limited to:

Current version: 1.1 Establishment of general policy to recommend to the association on various issues which concern the neighborhood and the association.

Proposed version: 1.1 Establishment of general policy to recommend to the association on various issues ***that*** concern the neighborhood and the association.

***Proposed addition: 1.6 Commitment to listening and responding to membership concerns in a timely manner.***

Section 2. The members of the association shall elect the officers of the association at the annual membership meeting for a term of one year or until a new officer is duly elected. The officers and duties shall be:

Current version: 2.3 Secretary, who handles correspondence as appropriate and maintains correspondence files, records of all general membership and Neighborhood Council meetings and a record of area and association activities.

Proposed Version: 2.3 ***Recording*** Secretary, ***who records all general membership and Neighborhood Council meetings.***

Current version: Section 3. An officer may be removed at any time by a 2/3rds vote of the full Neighborhood Council or a majority of the association membership.

Proposed version: Section 3. An officer may be removed at any time by a 2/3rds vote of the full Neighborhood Council ***or a 2/3rds vote of the association membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting***

## Article VI. Committees

Proposed changes would **remove the following three committees from the bylaws,** which may be reinstated later as ad hoc committees.

2.3 Neighborhood Image. Concerns development and projection of a healthy neighborhood image.

2.5 Traffic. Concerns monitoring new developments along the main trunk roads through the neighborhood, safety of pedestrian access, and maintenance of the residential character balanced with the flow of traffic.

2.6 Environmental and Recreational Development. Concerns oversight of maintenance and development of neighborhood parks and water ways, creation of adequate play facilities for children, and the general health and safety of recreational areas.

The remaining committees are proposed to be renumbered and edited as follows:

Current version: 2.1 Welcoming and Recruitment Committee. Make contact with neighbors and businesses new to the neighborhood, conduct recruitment activities as necessary, and welcome and orient newcomers to association meetings.

Proposed version: 2.1 Welcome Committee. **Contact** neighbors and businesses new to the neighborhood, conduct recruitment activities as necessary, and welcome and orient newcomers to association meetings.

The word **Committee** is added for consistency: Proposed version: 2.2 Newsletter **Committee** (Bay Creek Bulletin). Publish a neighborhood newsletter at regular intervals. Each newsletter shall contain a summary of the previous general membership meeting, if any, and an agenda of the next general membership meeting if available.

***Proposed addition: 2.3 Web Committee. Update content, edit, and maintain the association website.***



Current version: 2.4 Planning and Economic Development. Concerns all activities within the neighborhood which affect land use, business development and retention and represent the association before city agencies when warranted.

Proposed version: 2.4 Planning and Economic Development Committee. ***Focus on activities*** within the neighborhood ***that*** affect land use, business development and retention; ***educate neighborhood residents and solicit their input and represent the association when warranted.***

**The proposed version would delete the current version of Section 4 which reads as follows:**

Section 4. A member of any committee who has missed three meetings without a reasonable excuse, as determined by the committee, shall no longer be considered an active member of the committee.

**The current version of Section 5 will be renumbered Section 4, and continue to read:**

Section 4. Ad hoc committees may be formed by the Neighborhood Council to fulfill specific functions not covered under the purview of any standing committee. They shall exist until their duty has been fulfilled and then be automatically disbanded. Ad hoc committee chairs have no additional responsibility to serve on the Neighborhood Council.

**A new Section 5 will be added to replace the current Section 5.**

Proposed addition: Section 5. The chairs of standing and ad-hoc committees shall provide the best available notice of future meetings to all members of the committee as well as any members of the association who have contacted the committee chair indicating their interest in attending future meetings of that committee.

Proposed addition: Section 5.1 To enable members to join committees or attend committee meetings, contact information for all committee chairs shall be listed in the Bay Creek Bulletin.

**Article VII. Procedures**

Current version: Section 1. Any member of the association may attend any council or committee meeting and may take part in the discussion.

Proposed version: Section 1. Any member of the association may attend ***any committee meeting*** and may take part in the discussion.

**Proposed additions:**

***Section 3. If a meeting must be adjourned before all agenda items can be addressed, items may be carried over to the next meeting for discussion.***

***Section 4. Any association project that requires an expenditure of \$1,000.00 or more must be voted on at a general membership meeting.***

**Article VIII. Finance**

Current version: Section 2. The Neighborhood Council shall ratify any expenditure of greater than \$100.00. A special exemption is allowed for ordinary expenditures related to the operation of the neighborhood newsletter.

Proposed version: Section 2. The Neighborhood Council shall ratify any expenditure of greater than \$100.00. A special exemption is allowed for ordinary expenditures related to the operation of the neighborhood newsletter.

***The ratification must be recorded in the association financial records.***

**Proposed additions:**

***Section 3. A written or digitally saved financial record shall be presented by the Treasurer and approved at a general meeting of the association at least yearly.***

***Section 4. The association financial records shall be made available for inspection by any member of the association who makes a request to the Treasurer to view the records.***

**Article IX. Amendments**

The spelling of bylaws is corrected in Section 1.

Section 1. Amendments to the ***bylaws*** may be made by a 2/3rds majority vote of members present and voting at any meeting of the general membership, if the neighborhood newsletter provides advance notice of the proposed amendments.

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With summer's best of  
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And autumn's best of cheer."  
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