

April 30, 2021

**Re: OPNNA Spring General Association Meeting/Elections/Bylaws  
May 25, 2021**

Hi Oak Park Northwood Neighborhood Association residents and business owners:

1) SPRING MEETING/ELECTIONS: The OPNNA Board is soooooooooo happy to announce Covid 19 restrictions have finally lifted and we are able to have a Spring General Association meeting to include current business, elections and Bylaws review. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM at St Andrews UM Church Fellowship Hall, 722 Robinhood Pl. San Antonio. TX 78209. If you are interested in running for office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or one of 6 Directors at Large, please send your name, address, phone and position you seek NO LATER THAN Sat May 15, 2021 to [opnna09@gmail.com](mailto:opnna09@gmail.com) and please include years lived in Oak Park Northwood area, why you seek office and what experience you have on boards.

DUES OF \$25, FOR RESIDENTS AND \$100, FOR BUSINESS WITHIN THE OPNNA AREA ARE DUE MAY 25, 2021, unless already paid in 2021. Government ID REQUIRED to receive a BALLOT for voting in ELECTIONS.

2) BYLAWS: The current Board also reviewed the current Bylaws and are making proposed changes as seen below. If you have comments about these items, please let us know at [opnna09@gmail.com](mailto:opnna09@gmail.com)

3) JULY 4th PARADE: It also appears that we will again work with Northwood Presbyterian Church in hosting a 4th of July event with a parade. Details are in the works. This year, July 4th falls on a Sunday, so we think the parade will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, but stay tuned for details.

Thanks all.

**Recommended OPNNA Bylaws Changes: Spring 2021**

1) **Current Wording:** Article III – C – The term of office for each Officer or Director shall be approximately one year from the **Spring** General Association Meeting. An officer or Director is eligible for re-election.

**Recommended Change:** Article III – C – The term of office for each Officer or Director shall be approximately one year from the **FALL** General Association meeting. To accomplish this change, Officers and Directors elected in Spring

of 2021 will serve until Fall of 2022, a 1.5-year term. Thereafter, elections will occur at the FALL Association meeting with new Officers and Directors serving a one-year term. An Officer or Director is eligible for re-election.  
**Reason for change:** By having elections in the Spring, a new Board comes in with very little time to take office, learn new jobs, transfer bank accounts, etc. plus plan the biggest event of our year, the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. It makes more sense to hold elections in the Fall which allows new Board members plenty of time to learn their jobs and prepare for the parade.

2) IF this 1<sup>st</sup> Bylaws change passes, then the following must also change: ALL parts of the Bylaws specific to elections in the Spring **MUST change to FALL.**

3) Article III – Officers and Directors:

ADD: K) All BOARD members shall keep records of BOARD activity and convey all documents, property, post office box, signage, and website/internet login address to newly elected BOARD members.

**Reason for this addition:** There should always be a smooth, orderly transfer of power from an old Board to the new Board with all materials, notebooks, information, passwords, control, etc. turned over as well as crossover training if desired between outgoing and incoming Board. This is common courtesy.

4) **Current Wording:** Article II – Purposes and Membership:

B. The ASSOCIATION shall be nonsectarian, nonpartisan, and nonprofit. Membership is open to all individuals 18 years of age or older who reside in the AREA, own real property in the AREA, and/or own and/or operate a business located in the AREA.

**Recommended Change:** Article II – Purposes and Membership:

B. The ASSOCIATION shall be nonsectarian, nonpartisan, and nonprofit. Membership is open to all individuals 18 years of age or older who **can show proof of residence** in the AREA, own real property in the AREA, and/or own and/or operate a business located in the AREA.

**Reason for this addition:** The Bylaws already state under Elections that “An official form of ID issued by a government agency indicating residency in the AREA shall be required to receive a ballot.” Therefore, it seems appropriate to say in order to be a member of this Association, you must show proof of residence in this AREA.

5) **Current Wording:**

Article II – Purposes and Membership

C. Dues for membership in the ASSOCIATION shall be voluntary. The Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the BOARD, shall set and change as needed the amount of voluntary dues payable to the ASSOCIATION by its members. Payment of dues is not required for membership or for participation in the voting or activities of the ASSOCIATION. Voluntary dues shall be paid on an annual basis and shall not be prorated.

**Recommended Change:**

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of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the BOARD shall set and change as needed the amount of voluntary dues payable to the ASSOCIATION by its members. Payment of dues is not required for participation in ASSOCIATION activities and meetings. However, members wishing to run for office, vote in elections and/or vote on AREA issues, MUST be current DUES paying members. Voluntary dues shall be paid on an annual basis, due in the Spring months of March, April or May and shall not be prorated.

**Reason for Change:** Any person wishing to vote or hold office in an Organizations, should be a Dues paying member. It also makes sense to pay annual dues once a year and if paid any other times, it pays for membership only until dues are required again. (For example, dues paid in Spring of 2021 cover one full year of membership until Spring of 2022 while dues paid in Oct of 2021 are only good until the Spring 2022 Association meeting.) This also helps Treasurer and members avoid paying twice in one club year.

**6) Current Wording:**

Article IV: Elections

ASSOCIATION members interested in running for elected Officer or Director at Large position shall, at least (10) days prior to the Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting, indicate their interest and qualifications on the ASSOCIATION's website (currently [opnna.org](http://opnna.org)). Nominations from the floor at the Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting shall also be accepted.

**Recommended Change:**

Article IV: Elections

**Current DUES paying members of the** ASSOCIATION interested in running for elected Officer or Director at Large position shall, at least (10) days prior to the Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting, indicate their interest and qualification on the ASSOCIATION's official **email site of [opnna09@gmail.com](mailto:opnna09@gmail.com)** where an application can be requested and submitted. Nominations from the floor or write in names on the Ballot shall be accepted at the General ASSOCIATION meeting when elections are held but must meet the required criteria of being a current Dues paying member.

**Reason for Change:** Anyone running for office of an organization should be a current Dues paying member.

**7) Current Wording:**

Article VII – Amendments – Any amendment of these Bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the ASSOCIATION members present and voting at any General ASSOCIATION meeting or by any special meeting called for the sole purpose of considering amendments to the Bylaws.

**Recommended Change:**

Article VII – Amendments

- A. Any amendment of these Bylaws shall be **presented to the BOARD at least thirty (30) days prior to the Fall or Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting and distributed to members using Social Media at least twenty (20) days prior to the Fall or Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting for presentation at said meeting and followed by voting of only DUES paying members. Amendments are considered adopted by a two-thirds vote of the**

ASSOCIATION members present.

**Reason for Change:** This prevents Bylaws changes being proposed at the last minute without prior notice and allows only current Dues paying members to vote.

**Eliminate:** “or by any special meeting called for the sole purpose of considering amendments to the Bylaws.”

**Reason for Change:** Bylaws changes are important and should only be voted on by members at either the Fall or Spring meeting.

**Add:**

B. Any proposal for an amendment of these Bylaws will be voted on during the NEW BUSINESS portion of the Fall or Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting.

**Reason for Change:** Bylaws changes should be voted on during the main portion of the Business meeting and not held over until many members have left near the meetings end.

**8) The BOARD also recommends a change to the following dues amounts:**

**Business Membership:** change Dues from \$100.00 annually to \$50.00 annually to be paid in the Spring.

**Reason for Change:** A lower cost for Business Members might bring more forward to join us.