

TRI-TAYLOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

As approved on June 23, 2016 at a meeting at Chicago Hope Academy

Article I. Name

Section 1: The NAME of this organization shall be the Tri-Taylor Community Association, hereafter referred to in this document as the Association.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1: The PURPOSE of the Association will be is to provide residents, property owners and businesses an organized framework to promote, preserve, and enhance the quality of life and values of the neighborhood. The Association will provide a voice for these groups and its members on matters affecting the five pillars of the community (see TTCA Pillars): business growth, education, safety, social, environment, and all other factors affecting the livability of the area within the boundaries of the Association.

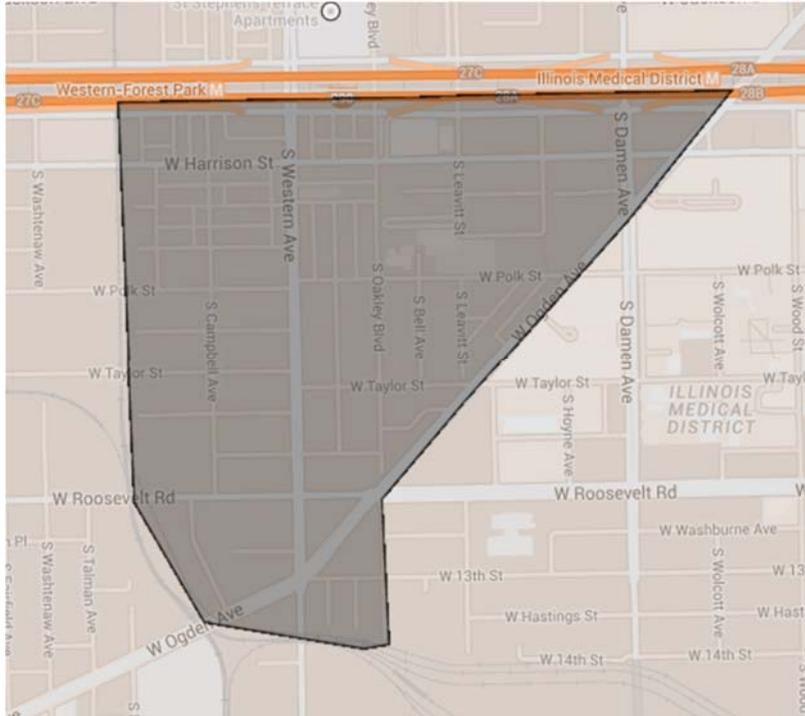
Section 2: The Association will provide a forum for open discussion on matters affecting the issues identified in Section 1 and allow maximum citizen participation in the formation of the public policy on these matters. Areas of discussion and policy include but are not limited to the following factors affecting the members of the Association: land use, zoning, parks, open space and recreation, housing, education, community facilities, transportation, policing and public safety and traffic and other factors affecting the social and economic welfare of the members of the Association.

Section 3: The Association will improve open communication between Association members, developers, community leaders elected and appointed officials and other interested parties.

Article III: Boundaries

The Association shall encompass that area bounded by the railroad tracks immediately West of Campbell Street on the West, Ogden Ave on the south and east, Roosevelt Ave on the south, and Congress on the North. See attached Map:

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Article IV: Membership

Section 1: The Association shall be non-partisan, non-commercial, and non-sectarian.

Membership shall not discriminate or limit membership by race, religion, ethnic origin, age or gender.

Section 2: ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP. The general membership shall be open to all residents, property owners, and business owners or one appointed representative of any business or institution, within the boundaries of the Association.

Section 3: There shall be three classes of membership:

Any Resident within the community area may become a **Resident Member** of the Association. Only residents may be elected as a board member.

Any Business may appoint one of its employees or owners as a **Business Member** of the Association. Business members may not be elected or appointed as a board member of the association.

Any interested party may become an **Associate Member** of the organization. Associate Members are entitled to attend general membership meetings, participate in events, and obtain communications from the TTCA. Associate members may not be elected or appointed as a board member of the association.

Section 3: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership in the Association is automatically terminated whenever the member moves outside of the boundaries or divests their business of the Association. A member may also be removed by a

majority vote of the membership of the Association. (See Associate membership)

Article V: Association Board

Section 1 The Association Board, herein known in this document as the Board, shall consist of 9 persons elected at-large from the eligible membership within the TTCA. The Board shall have four Association Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) to be selected from among the nine Board members each year. The Association shall make an effort to distribute board membership within a diverse geography of the community area. .

Section 2: DUTIES

- 2.1. Make decisions that represent the interests of the Association on all matters for which it is impractical to present to the membership in advance. All such actions shall be reported to the membership at the next regular meeting.
- 2.2. Appoint committees to perform necessary functions and represent the Neighborhood Association on specified topics.
- 2.3. Establish a yearly work plan of priority issues and projects for maintaining and encouraging involvement in the Neighborhood Association.

Section 3: ELECTION.

- 3.1. Board members shall be elected by a majority of those voting members in attendance at the annual membership meeting by written ballot.
- 3.2. Five board seats shall be designated even-year seats and four shall be designated odd-year seats. These seats shall be elected in the June meeting of their respective years.
- 3.3. All board members shall be elected at-large from among all nominated candidates.
- 3.4. New Officers shall be elected by the board at the first board meeting after the election of new board members. All Officers shall be members of the Board and each Officer will be nominated and elected separately by the Board in the following order: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- 3.5. Board officers may be re-elected to positions they had held the previous year, or new officers selected, fully at the will of the newly elected board.

Section 4: NOMINATIONS.

- 4.1. Nominations can be made by the membership at any of the membership meetings or via other notification at any time prior to the election.
- 4.2. All nominated Board members must be at least 18 years old.

Section 5: TERM OF SERVICE. Board members shall serve a two (2) year term, from the

date they are elected during the June General Membership meeting.

Section 6: VACANCY. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Board, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by majority vote at the next Board meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. The Board may declare a Board position vacant if the member is absent from four (4) consecutive board meetings, regular or specially called with reasonable notice required.

Article VI: Membership Meetings and Voting

Section 1 GENERAL MEETINGS. The board shall hold at least three general membership meetings each year and hold other general membership meetings according to Section 4.

Section 2 General membership shall be held at the hour and day designated by the Board. The Board Secretary should provide whenever possible at least seven (7) days notification to the general membership of the time, place and purpose of the general membership meeting. Notification will be via email or other method.

Section 3: ANNUAL MEETING. An annual meeting of the members shall be held in June where the members shall elect the officers of the Association, receive reports on the affairs of the Association, and transact any other business which is within the power of the members. If an annual meeting has not been called and held within six months after the time designated for it, any member may call the annual meeting.

Section 4 SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Members may be called by the Chair, by a majority of the officers of the Association, or by five percent (5%) or more of the members entitled to vote.

Section 5: VOTING

- 5.1: Only Resident and Business members have voting privileges within the Association
- 5.2 All issues (motions, decisions, and policies) shall be decided by a majority vote of qualified voting members who are present at the meetings.
- 5.3 There shall be no voting by proxy at the meetings. Voting on issues before the meeting shall be by voice, unless a ballot vote is requested by the Board or by a majority of the members present.
- 5.4 If the chairman's decision regarding the result of a vote is challenged, a count must be taken.
- 5.5: Each member 18 years of age and over shall be entitled to one vote per voting opportunity.

- 5.6: The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. In order for a Quorum to be established, the majority of members voting at the meeting must be Resident Members and at least five board members must be present.

Section 6 Donations to the organization shall be limited to a annual total of \$500.00 per household or business. This shall not be applicable to grants from organizations outside the Association Area.

Article VII: Association Officers and Duties

Section 1 The Association Officers shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair (Chair Elect), Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2 CHAIR

2.1 The CHAIR shall be responsible for the general supervision and direction of the Board and the Association; shall preside at all meetings of the Board and general membership; appoints all committee members/chairpersons and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees as elected by the board.

2.2 The CHAIR shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and shall preside over all meetings, represent the Association on public occasions, and make such committee appointments from the membership as shall be deemed advisable for the effective conduct of the work of the Association.

Section 3 The VICE-CHAIR shall in the absence of the Chair execute all the powers of the Chair, and perform other duties as assigned by the Chair.

Section 4 The SECRETARY shall record the minutes of all general membership and Board meetings and provide the Board with copies of minutes; retain a copies of the minutes and all materials distributed to the membership and Board for the Association files; maintain Association and membership records *and list*, including all pertinent data in cooperation with the external stakeholders; *record and report all votes taken by the board and membership*.

Section 5 The TREASURER shall maintain the financial records and be accountable for the funds of the Association. The Chair will have access to all accounts.

Section 6: Unless so authorized, no officer shall have any power or authority to bind the Association by any contract or engagement, to pledge its credit, or to render it liable financially for any purpose or in any amount.

Section 7: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. Any Officer may be removed by a majority vote of the members of the Association (excluding the Officer to be removed). Upon the death, removal, resignation, lack of active involvement including missing 4 consecutive meets or incapacity of an Officer of

the Association, a majority of the Association shall elect a successor.

Section 8: The Chair may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

Article VIII: Board Meetings

Section 1: BOARD MEETINGS The Board shall hold at least quarterly meetings conducting business and taking such action as may be necessary to fulfill the purpose and accomplish the goals of the Association.

Section 2: Those board members present for an officially convened meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3: Special meetings of the Board, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by the Chair, or if absent, by any other officer of the Association. Three (3) days advanced notice of the time and place of any Board meeting shall be given to each Board member. Notice shall also be provided to the media to assist in the notification of the general membership. Notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4: Any Decision by the Board may be nullified by a majority vote of the voting membership in attendance at a general membership meeting.

Article IX: Committees

Section 1: The Board may create committees to carry out its work and decisions. The purpose of a committee is to examine an issue(s) and make a recommendation to the Board, and take such action as directed by the Board. The committees can be standing, such as a nominations committee, or ad-hoc.

Section 2: AUTHORIZATION.

- 2.1: The Board may establish committees as deemed necessary to pursue its stated objectives.
- 2.2: Committee members shall be appointed by the Committee Chair and may accept nominations or accept volunteers and each committee includes a chairperson and secretary.
- 2.3: Each Committee shall be given the specific charge in writing.
- 2.4: The secretary of each committee may provide minutes of the committee meetings to committee members and to the Association Secretary for filing.
- 2.5: The chair of the committee will report the activities of the committee to the Board and the general membership at the meetings.
- 2.6 At-Large Board members shall liaison between the Board and the committees.

Article X: Action on By-Laws

Section 1: ACCEPTANCE of these Bylaws shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at any general meeting of the resident members of the Association. Written copies of the by-laws and written notice of the meeting for voting on by-laws is given to all members at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 2: AMENDMENTS These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at any general meeting of the members of the Association. Written copies of the amendments to the by-laws and written notice of the meeting for voting on the changes is given to all members at least seven days prior to the meeting.

First approved by-laws: December 12, 2014

By-laws revision: January 25, 2016

TRI TAYLOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PILLARS

BUSINESS GROWTH

IMD Gateway

Restaurants

Shops/Hotel

Store Signage

EDUCATION

Neighborhood school

After school programs

Field Trips

Arts & Culture

SAFETY

Communication

CAPS

Traffic

Graffiti

SOCIAL

Meet and Greet/Block parties

Holiday events

Picnics

ENVIRONMENT

Flood

Parks

Gardening

Cleanliness