

BY LAWS OF THE NORTH PARK VILLAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL – 1994  
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ARTICLE I. PURPOSES

1.01 The primary purposes of the Advisory Council are to assist in the development and protection of North Park Village, and to act in cooperation and coordination with the City of Chicago, for the long term governance of the Village.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS AND VOTING RIGHTS

2.01 All members of the NPV Advisory Council, as of the date of adoption of these Bylaws, shall be considered as current members, with at least one vote.

2.02 New Members - Established civic organizations in the area bounded by Devon Avenue on the north, Montrose Avenue on the south, Central Avenue on the west, and the Chicago River Channel on the east, shall be eligible for membership and representation on the Council.

2.03 Other Chicago organizations or associations having historic or legitimate interest in the site and demonstrate willingness to provide service to North Park Village, shall be eligible to have a representative with a single vote. A new organization may be accepted for a six month provisional membership during which interval willingness to provide service can be demonstrated. At the end of the provisional period, the Committee on Membership (5.02) will evaluate the service and make a recommendation on permanent status.

2.04 Individuals representing the Department of Fleet and Facility Management, the Department of Housing & Economic Development, such other City Departments as well as any other successors shall have representatives that are designated by the Mayor, or by Commissioners, to have single votes. The maximum number of such votes shall be ten, including those of aldermen.

2.05 Voting Rights - Each civic organization shall have a single representative on the Council. That representative shall have one, two, or three votes as determined by the number of active dues-paying members, and the area served. The representative of a civic with 300 or more active dues-paying members, shall be entitled to two votes by virtue of size. Those civics abutting on the site shall be entitled to an additional vote by virtue of location. In no event shall a civic abutting on the site have less than two votes. Once a year, a form will be sent out to all civic members to verify and collect information on their current paid membership numbers. The Secretary will inform civic members if there is a change to the number of votes they are entitled to receive.

2.06 Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Council Officers and sent to the Committee on Membership for-processing (5.02). If the application is from a civic or other-organization, a list with names, addresses and phone numbers of active, dues-paying members shall accompany the application. The Committee on Membership shall check the list and make every effort to determine that the civic or other group has community support. The Committee on Membership shall bring its recommendation to the Council for action.

2.07 In June of each year in which officers are elected, the Committee on Membership shall spot check the current membership lists of the member organizations to determine if each representative has the correct number of votes.

2.08 Individuals who have an active interest in North Park Village, who agree to attend meetings regularly and work cooperatively with City officials and neighborhood organizations, shall be eligible for membership without vote.

#### ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

3.01 The North Park Village Advisory Council shall meet bimonthly - in July, September, November, January, March, and May. Any of these six regularly scheduled meetings may be omitted if a motion to do this is passed by majority vote at the preceding meeting. Other meetings may be called as necessary by notice at a regular bimonthly meeting, or by mail, or phone. Except in emergencies, notice of a special meeting should be received by the members at least one week in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible, notices of a special meeting shall be sent to neighborhood newspapers.

3.02 Periodically, the Secretary of the Council shall review the attendance of a member organization's delegate and representatives and provide the information to the membership committee for review. The membership committee will determine if it is necessary to ask the member organization for a replacement delegate or alternate representatives.

3.03 Notice of the next meeting will be given at each convened Advisory Council meeting. No further notice is required, but written notices of the meeting with agenda and minutes of previous meetings shall, if possible, either be mailed or emailed to all members a week before the meeting.

3.04 Quorum- Fifteen voting members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum.

3.05 Proxies. No proxies shall be accepted.

3.06 A representative of a member organization, or his duly designated alternate in attendance shall cast all of the votes for his organization.

3.07 All meeting are open.

#### ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

4.01 The officers of the Advisory Council shall be a Chairman, two or more co-Chairs (as decided by the Council before voting on officers), and a Secretary. No City employee shall serve as Chairman of the Council.

4.02 The officers shall be elected for two year terms by members of the Advisory Council at a regularly scheduled meeting in September of odd numbered years. The Council may appoint a Nominating Committee at the May meeting, or the July meeting charged to bring in a slate in September, or it may hold an election without a previously nominated slate.

## ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

5.01 The Council shall have the power to initiate and terminate such committees as it deems necessary and to create ad hoc committees with limited purposes and lives.

5.02 There shall be a standing Committee on Membership. This committee shall consider nominations for membership, checking membership lists as stated in 2.05 interviewing individuals to insure that the requirements of 2.02, 2.03, and 2.08 are met and making recommendations to the Council.

5.03 Participation in any committee shall not be limited to members of the NPV Advisory Council. Only representatives of voting members of the NPV Advisory Council are eligible to vote in any committee.

## ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

6.01 The Bylaws can be amended by a majority vote of the members at any regularly scheduled meeting provided that the notice and text of the amendment, or amendments, have been sent to all members. Such notices must be postmarked at least one week before the scheduled meeting.