

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

By-Laws

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association (S.N.A.) is formed to provide open channels of communication for the residents of Association boundaries in order that they may make informal decisions on issues which affect the quality of their lives. Communications may also be extended to include all residents in the Sunnyside area.

Article I

The principal address shall be in the City of Tucson, County of Pima and the State of Arizona.

Article II

Name and Boundaries

This Neighborhood Association shall be known as: Sunnyside Neighborhood Association (S.N.A.). The Boundaries are: Irvington Road (N), Valencia Road (S.), the Rail Road Tracks (E.) and I-19 (W.), excluding N.W. portion bounded by South 12th Avenue (E.), Irvington Road (N.), Nebraska Street (S.) and I-19 (W.) which will be identified as 17th/Irvington Association.

Article III

Purpose

1. To insure the preservation and the integrity of the neighborhood area and to promote adherence to established land use patterns.
2. To promote open communications with City, County, State and School Officials in an effort to keep Sunnyside Association members and residents well informed on any and all proposals that may affect the neighborhood and residents of this community.
3. Promote an avenue of communications for all neighborhood residents.
4. To combat community deterioration with our Graffiti Abatement Program and to help the elderly and infirmed maintain/clean their yards.
5. To raise funds, plan and award recognition to the normally not recognized graduating students in all school levels (elementary, middle, high schools and alternative education) in the Sunnyside Unified School District. Award criteria will include: community service, respect, courtesy, role models, dedication to school and any other criteria deemed deserving of an award. Hereafter referred to as the "Sunnyside Neighborhood Association All American Student Award".

Sunnyside Mission Statement:

The mission of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood by being a coordinator of information, communication, and activities. The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association promotes education, volunteerism, and community activism to enhance and unite neighborhood residents and businesses in working with local government to preserve the environment, reduce crime and strengthen community partnerships.

Sunnyside Vision Statement:

The vision of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is to beautify and enhance the area while retaining its unique characteristics and intercultural heritage. In Sunnyside, we live, work, play, and learn in a literate, peaceful, prosperous, environmentally conscious, social community that is fully engaged in life-long learning.

Value Statements

- To strengthen community pride in the Sunnyside Neighborhood;
- To enhance a culture of literacy through family, school, and community involvement;
- To create collaborative partnerships that streamline services and build resource networks to serve the community;
- To heighten awareness of environmental issues to provide a peaceful, safe, and healthy neighborhood; and
- To seek high standards of excellence with dedicated neighbors working as a team for the good of all community members in the Sunnyside Neighborhood.

The Sunnyside Mission statement, Vision Statement and Value statements added at the April 2011 meeting.

Article IV

Membership

1. The membership of the SNA shall be composed of two categories: Members and Associate Members.
 - a. Members shall be all area residents, tenants, business and property owners in the defined boundaries.
 - b. Associate Members shall be a resident, tenant, school, property owner, business owner or any other member of this community interested in the progress of the SNA.
2. Applications for membership can be verbal or in writing on a form provided by SNA. Application for membership constitutes an agreement on the part of the applicant to adhere to all SNA by-laws, policies and procedures.

- Applicant must provide mailing address and phone number for communication purposes.
3. Dues are not required. However, donations or contributions shall be voluntary and will be used to offset expenses incurred by SNA for the good of the neighborhood.
 4. All members shall be granted the right to vote on all Association issues.

Article V

Membership Meetings

1. Membership meetings shall be held a minimum of four (4) times a year at a time and place designated by the President. Additional meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the President or Association Executive Officers.
2. Two executive officers present shall constitute a quorum for executive committee meetings.
3. For general membership meetings no less than ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum.
4. Not less than ten (10) members shall have the privilege of petitioning (in writing) for a special meeting at any time of the month and at the hour and place designated by the President.
5. Membership shall be informed within twenty-four (24) hours of general and special meetings by using any means of communications available (i.e., phone-tree, word of mouth, written or any other means that will expedite information relative to meeting.)
6. An Agenda shall be made available within twenty-four (24) hours prior to a meeting.

Article VI

Nominations and Elections

1. Nominations and elections of officers of the association shall be made from the floor at the September meeting.
2. No proxies or absentee votes shall be accepted or authorized.
3. Installation of officers shall be at the same day as elections. All outgoing officers shall submit all documents, records and any material pertaining to their duties of the former post which are in their possession to the new officers within ten (10) days of installation.
4. Any vacancy occurring during the calendar year of any office shall be filed by appointment by the executive officers of the association.

5. All documents pertaining to the Association business in possession of any officer who resigns or leaves the association must be transferred to the President or Secretary within ten (10) days.

Article VII

Officers

1. Officers of the Executive Committee of the Association shall be as follows:
 - a. President
 - b. 1st Vice-President
 - c. 2nd Vice-President
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Treasurer
 - f. Sergeant-at-Arms
 - g. Historian
 - h. Government Liaison-appointed position
 - i. Public Relations-appointed position
2. All Officers shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.
3. Any Officer is subject to recall for just cause.
4. In order to recall a person needs 35% of voting member signatures.
5. The offices of President, 1st Vice President & 2nd Vice President shall be elected from the Members and the remaining offices shall or can be from the Members or Associate Members (Amended 09/21/09 meeting)
6. *Article VII amended at the April 2011 meeting to have members who have been to 50% of meetings in the year be allowed to vote at election time.

Article VIII

Duties

1. The President shall call and preside at all Association meetings. Shall act for, and in behalf of the membership of the Association. The President shall be the spokesperson for the Association.
2. The Vice-Presidents shall, in the absence of the President assume all of the duties of that office.
3. The Secretary shall see that the minutes of all meetings of the membership be kept.
4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of any and all monies contributed to the Association. Monies are to be deposited in a bank designated by the Executive Officers. Regular books of account shall be kept under the Treasurer's direction and supervision and shall render financial statements

to the membership quarterly. The President and Treasurer shall be vested with the issuance of checks to pay and expense incurred on behalf of the Association.

5. Sergeant-at-Arms shall be entrusted to maintain order at meetings assisting the President. Unruly or persons creating a disturbance shall politely be asked to remove themselves from any meeting.
6. Historian shall keep in their possession permanent records of all matter relating to publicity, history and research of and for the association.

Article IX

Committees

1. Standing Committees shall be:
 - a. Graffiti Abatement Committee
 - b. All American Student Award Committee
 - c. Membership Committee
 - d. Fundraising Committee
 - e. Financial Committee
 - f. SPIN/Neighborhood Watch Committee
 - g. Advisory Committee
 - h. Area Plan Committee
2. Duties of the Standing Committees shall include:
 - a. Make recommendations to the officers on courses of actions.
 - b. Standing Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President.
 - c. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - d. Shall meet as often as necessary.

Article X

Obligations

Creation: No debt or obligation for the payment of money or other thing of value shall be created or incurred by any officer, general member or committee of this association without the affirmative two-thirds vote of the officers

Article XI

Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of order (revised) shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the by-laws or Arizona Revised Statutes.

Article XII

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present. The Officers may recommend amendments to the general membership.