

# **BARRIO SANTA RITA PARK – WEST OCHOA BARRIO ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Barrio Santa Rita Park-West Ochoa Association (hereinafter “SRPWO”) is to promote and work toward making a priority the needs of our children and elders, and to include the following objectives:

- to be a voice on local issues as proposed and presented by the City and County governments
- to seek to protect our families from displacement, our cultures and traditions as practiced for generations by our historic families
- to protect our authentic history as learned through our families' oral histories and cultural knowledge

## **ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP**

The membership shall be composed of two categories: Voting members and Associate members

- a. A voting member shall be a person who either resides within the Barrio Santa Rita Park-West Ochoa or who represents a non-profit organization and supports the barrio's purpose and objectives as stated above, and
- b. An associate member shall be an individual that resides outside the barrio boundaries and supports the purpose and objectives as outlined above; an associate member shall not be accorded any voting rights.
- c. Those persons under the age of eighteen can apply for membership as an associate member.
- d. No dues will be set for membership.

## **ARTICLE 3 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The board of directors shall be made up of four members and shall be nominated and elected by the general membership. The officers of this Association shall hold office for a term of two years. Decisions that need to be outside of a general meeting and can not wait until a meeting is held, must be discussed with each individual board member and voted on by the board before any action is taken. If a decision is made without approval of a majority of the board, it will result in termination of that officer's service and term as a board member.

- a. The president shall call and preside at all meetings, shall act for and on behalf of the membership of the association, shall appoint any special committees necessary for the operation of the business of the association and shall act as official spokesperson of the association. The president may appoint committees to carry out the purposes of the association.

A majority of the board of directors must approve any action to be taken by the president; the president shall implement the decisions of the executive board. This includes decisions that are required to be made outside of a general meeting. In the event a decision is made by any of the officers without the approval of a majority of the board, it may result in the removal of that officer from the board of directors.

- b. The vice-president shall, in the absence of the president, assume all of the duties of that office.
- c. The secretary shall take minutes at meetings and transcribe the minutes.
- d. The treasurer shall keep a record of all financial business of the association as well as all receipts as much as possible.

## **ARTICLE 4 - COMMITTEES**

- a. Committees shall be appointed by the president as needed and shall report to the president who shall be an ex-officio member of all committees
- b. The president may appoint committees to carry out the purposes of the association
- c. Committee updates are to be provided at the general meetings

## **ARTICLE 5 - ELECTIONS and VACANCIES**

- a. Nominations of officers shall be made from the floor of the annual election meeting (held every two years in October)
- b. Election of officers shall be held on the same day as nominations
- c. The president shall appoint three present voting members (non-candidates) at the October annual election meeting and act as election tellers
- d. Elections shall be by written ballot
- e. Any vacancy that occurs during the year of any officer shall be filled by appointment of the executive board
- f. Any board member may be removed with cause by a 2/3 vote of the board of directors

## **ARTICLE 6 - FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- a. All withdrawals must have the majority approval of the executive board
- b. A contingency fund of \$50.00 shall be established for the purpose of maintaining the everyday operating expenses of the association (defined as postage, miscellaneous expenses of meetings and meeting places). The treasurer must have approval of the executive board to renew the contingency fund. This direction can be waived if no fundraising has been done.

## **ARTICLE 7 - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

- a. These bylaws may be amended in concurrence with, or upon recommendation of the executive board by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the entire board.
- b. Proposed amendments shall be sent to all members of the board at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting where action is to be taken or shall be read at the preceding meeting.

## **ARTICLE 8 - BARRIO BOUNDARIES**

The barrio boundaries are as follows -

North boundary: The middle of 19<sup>th</sup> Street, east of S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Nogales railroad line

East boundary: Nogales railroad line

South boundary: Alleyway of 25<sup>th</sup> Street

West boundary: From I-10, down half of 22<sup>nd</sup> St. up to S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
From I-10 / 22<sup>nd</sup> St. (middle of street) I-10 south to alley of 25<sup>th</sup> St.  
From S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, middle of street from 19<sup>th</sup> St. (middle of street) south to 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
From 22<sup>nd</sup> St., both sides of 22<sup>nd</sup> St. to 25<sup>th</sup> Street alley

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*Ernie Lujan - President*