

Three proposed changes to the Rabbit Creek Community Council By-laws

Vote will be held at the December 10, 2015 regular meeting. Two-thirds vote of the members present will be needed to pass.

The following summary information listed below is intended to comply with Article IX of our By-laws, which requires written or electronic notice of: the intent to amend the By-laws; the statement of the articles to be changed; and the reasons. The proposed changes, in the context of the full By-laws, will be posted on the RCCC website. Electronic notice will be sent via e-mail to our Council mailing list at least 14 days prior to the December 10 meeting.

1. Amend Article IV(1)(B) (Membership section):

a. By DELETING “~~submitting an acceptably completed and signed Member Information Form to the Treasurer/Membership Coordinator~~”; and

b. By ADDING “**submitting acceptable information to the Treasurer and/or Membership Coordinator, which shall include the member’s name and location of residence or business within the Rabbit Creek Community Council area. Information may be entered on the attendance sign-in sheet at a meeting of RCCC, via the FCC website, or by other means.**”

2 ADD a new clause in Article IV (Membership), Section 1 (Eligibility), after Clause IV(1)(C):

D. The membership roster, as described in Article IV, Section 1 (A through C) shall contain members who have signed in at a meeting within the previous 24 calendar months. A person who is not on the current membership roster shall be added by providing their information as described in Clause IV(1)(C). A member may resign his or her membership at any time by submitting a request to the Treasurer and/or Membership Chair.

This amendment replaces Clause IV(2)(E) with the following. (New wording is in **bold**, deleted words are crossed out in red):

2. **E.** A quorum of the Council shall consist of ~~20 percent of the~~ **thirteen (13)** registered members **who are eligible to vote (have attended at least one meeting in the past 12 months, as described in Clause IV(3)(A))**. This shall include at least four Board members for all general and special membership meetings. Business requiring a vote of the membership will not be conducted at general and special membership meetings without a quorum of the membership. Bylaws amendments require a two-thirds vote of the voting members present for approval.

- Discussions during the October Council meeting included the following:
- Need to reform the ways a new member provides information to RCCC. Suggest Bylaws to require a specific completed form for membership. 14 have filled out forms; 67 have only signed in at meetings and not officially submitted membership forms.
- Quorum currently required for a General Membership Meeting in RCCC bylaws. If membership list has a lot of inactive members, we may have a lack of Quorum for a general membership meeting at RCCC. We have had a lack of general membership quorum because of low attendance at recent meetings. We could base membership list on a maximum of 24 calendar months.
- Currently our bylaws say attendance at 1 prior meeting in past 12 months makes a person eligible to vote; but there is no provision for how long a person remains a member if he/she never attends or never updates his contact information.
- Some Community Councils set a fixed number for a quorum. Some councils don't have a quorum set forth in their bylaws.
- Adam is working with FCC to compile information. Vivian introduced several of these ideas. Read thru these on-line at RCCC site and become familiar with what they say.

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