

POWELTON VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

(Formerly the Powelton Civic Homeowners Association)

The Powelton Village Civic Association of Powelton Village exists for the protection, preservation and improvement of the unique character of Powelton Village.

CONSTITUTION

(revision 2013)

Article I - Objectives

- 1) To exert influence, whenever and wherever possible, for the preservation and improvement of the residential character of Powelton Village.
- 2) To create a climate conducive to the investment of capital in the area directed toward residential redevelopment and restoration.
- 3) To encourage long term residency and owner-occupied property
- 4) To oppose the misuse of property by absentee ownership or property speculation.
- 5) To exert influence against any building usage which would be detrimental to the residential character of the area.
- 6) To preserve the uniqueness of Powelton's architectural style, and to prevent further destruction of architectural properties classified as either contributing or significant.
- 7) To Improve services in our area.
- 8) To Improve the caliber of public education to meet the needs of residents of the area.
- 9) To prevent further encroachment on our community by neighboring Institutions.

The above objectives are not necessarily all-inclusive. Any lines of action deemed necessary to implement the objectives will be formulated in keeping with the general spirit of the tasks outlined above.

Article II - Membership

- 1) Any individual owning real property in, or residing in Powelton Village, as defined in Section 3 of this Article, is eligible for membership.
- 2) Organizations or Businesses operating in Powelton Village, as defined In Section 3 of this Article, are entitled to a single membership and vote (subject to approval of the Board of Directors). Fraternities and Sororities shall be considered organizations operating in Powelton Village.
- 3) For the purposes of membership, the boundaries of Powelton Village are from the North Side of Spring Garden out to 39th Street, down Lancaster to 38th Street (including both sides of Lancaster Avenue), down 38th Street to Market Street (including both sides of Market), down Market Street to Schuylkill Avenue, then following the Schuylkill Expressway to Spring Garden Street to include a potential overbuild over the Railyards.
- 4) The Association shall have the power to regulate:
 - (a) the admission of members, their suspension or expulsion, the manner of effecting the same, and to designate the causes which justify such suspension or expulsion, and
 - (b) the annual dues, which are subject to change when considered necessary. Such change shall follow the procedure required to amend the Bylaws.

Article III - Board of Directors

- 1) The activities, affairs and property of the Association shall be managed, directed and controlled by the Board of Directors, vested with appropriate powers to exercise these functions.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall consist of:
 - (a) the officers of the association:
 - (i) President,
 - (ii) President-elect,
 - (iii) Vice-President for Membership,

- (iv) Secretary, and
 - (v) Treasurer,
 - (b) the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees,
 - (c) the Editor of the Powelton Post,
 - (d) the Immediate Past President, and
 - (e) up to three At-Large Directors.
- 3) Nomination and election of directors shall be as prescribed by the Bylaws.

Article IV - Meetings

- 1) The meeting of the entire Association shall be at such a time and date as determined by the Board of Directors, but must be held at least bi-monthly, except for July and August. The times, dates, and places of all meetings shall be announced to all members of the Association at least 48 hours in advance.
- 2) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened at least six times per year and additionally as the need arises.

Article V - Committees

- 1) Standing Committees shall be constituted, converted to a non-standing committee or dissolved with the approval of the Association. The Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be nominated and elected as members of the Board of Directors as prescribed by the Bylaws.
- 2) Committees, other than Standing Committees, shall be constituted and dissolved by the Board of Directors as deemed necessary. The Chairpersons of such committees shall be appointed by the President, subject to veto by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 3) Removal of committee chairpersons may only be accomplished by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any other member of a committee may be removed for cause by the chairperson or the President.

Article VI - Parliamentary Authority

- 1) Meetings of the Association shall be conducted in a reasonable and fair manner.

Article VII - Public Representation

- 1) No member or Director may act as representative of, or speak on behalf of the Association by use of its name in public meetings, in the press, or other media, unless specifically authorized to do so by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Amendments to the Constitution

- 1) An amendment to the Constitution must be submitted in writing one meeting prior to the regular business meeting at which it will be voted on. The Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote, a quorum being present.