

FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION CHARTER

ARTICLE I. Name.

The Name of this organization shall be Fairmount Neighbors Association, also known as Fairmount Neighbors, hereinafter referred to as FNA.

ARTICLE II. Geographic Boundaries.

The Fairmount Neighbors Association encompasses that area bounded by a line beginning at a point derived by extending the alignment of the Riverfront Parkway north in a straight line to the Willamette River. From the point of intersection, the boundary follows the river eastward to Interstate 5 as it crosses the river, south on Interstate 5 to Franklin Boulevard, west on Franklin Boulevard to Judkins Point. The boundary runs south from Judkins Point along Birch Lane to its intersection with Hendricks Park, then south along the eastern boundary of the park and continues generally south along a jagged course concurrent with the Laurel Hill Valley Association boundary to 30th Avenue, then west along 30th Avenue to the point at which Agate Street, if extended to the south, would intersect. The boundary is then concurrent with the boundary of Amazon Neighbors, running north to Agate Street to East 17th Avenue, then north for approximately 200 feet along the private drive due north of the Moss Alley, then east approximately 200 feet to Moss Street, north on Moss Street to its end, then east to Villard Street and north to Franklin Boulevard, west on Franklin Blvd approximately 2,200 feet to a private drive, north to the Millrace, east on the Millrace to Riverfront Parkway, and north to the Willamette River and the starting point.

ARTICLE III. Purpose.

Section 1. The Fairmount Neighborhood Association is advisory to the City Council and other city board and commissions on matters affecting its area. Those matters can include land use, zoning, parks, open space and recreation, annexation, housing, community facilities, transportation and traffic, public safety, sanitation, and other activities and public services which affect their neighborhoods. FNA is not a City board or commission subject to the requirements of section 2.013 of the Eugene Code (EC). FNA must allow all residents and/or members to participate in discussions before issuing an opinion on those matters.

Section 2. To pursue its purpose the FNA may sponsor neighborhood improvement projects and community events; provide forums to identify, discuss, and resolve neighborhood issues; establish and maintain communication with the City and other organizations and agencies; provide education on local issues and local government processes and services; and identify and advocate FNA's position on land use, transportation, public safety, housing, social services, and other matters affecting the social, economic, and livability aspects of the neighborhood.

Section 3. The Fairmount Neighborhood Association opposes any act of discrimination and condemns bias and will advocate for an equitable and welcoming neighborhood in which all can freely and safely participate, live, differ, debate, and grow regardless of ability, age, culture, disability, economic or social status, education level, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, life experience, military status, national origin, perspective, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. The Fairmount Neighborhood Association supports the City of Eugene goals of being a safe and welcoming community for everyone.

Section 4. The Fairmount Neighborhood Association shall serve in an educational capacity to inform, listen, and seek to understand the needs and desires of the neighborhood. The organization will encourage and facilitate communication and participation among the members on matters of common concern.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to the following categories within the boundaries described in Article II.

- a. Any resident 18 years of age or older
- b. Property owner
- c. Business owner

Section 2. Each property owner who is an individual shall be entitled to one vote. Each corporation, partnership, nonprofit agency, or business member shall be limited to one vote.

Section 3. The voting process shall be inclusive and open to all members and articulated in the bylaws of the organization.

Section 4. There shall be no absentee voting or voting by proxy.

ARTICLE V. General Membership Meetings.

Section 1. General membership meetings shall be held at a time and place to be established by the Fairmount Neighborhood Association board. Such meetings shall be held twice each year at a minimum. An annual event may be considered as one of the general meetings.

Section 2. A quorum at a General Meetings will be stated in the bylaws.

Section 3. All members shall have an opportunity to participate in the general membership meetings.

Section 4. Notice of General Meetings shall be given by way of electronic outreach, social media, posted signs, printed materials, website, or any combination of outreach mechanisms.

ARTICLE VI. FNA Board of Directors.

Section 1.

- a. The FNA Board shall consist of the officers of the organization elected democratically during a general membership meeting that has been publicized to the general membership. Officer descriptions and roles shall be outlined in the bylaws.
- b. The Board shall include a minimum of 5 (five) members.
- c. The Board elections process and timeline shall be articulated in the bylaws and must occur every 1 year.
- d. Subcommittees may be formed at the discretion of the Board.

Section 2. The FNA Board shall strive for inclusivity and equitable access to processes and decision making. Meetings shall be posted and accessible, including virtual access if requested or decided on by the membership.

Section 3. The board may present the Fairmount Neighborhood Association's opinions to the City Council, Planning Commission, Budget Committee, and/or other appropriate decision-makers. Such advisory opinions will specify whether the position is from the general membership, the Board, a committee, or by organization members present and lacking a quorum. If there is a minority position on the issue, represented by at least one-third of those voting, this shall also be presented.

Section 4. The Board will be responsible for establishing the time, place, and agenda for board meetings, general meetings, and events; ensuring reasonable advance notice to members; and providing an opportunity to participate in the planning and organizing of these activities.

ARTICLE VII. Nomination, Election, and Removal of Officers and Board Members

Section 1. The officers of the organization and any additional Board members shall be elected by a majority of those in attendance at a general or annual meeting. The membership will be notified of the meeting and invited to participate in the election a minimum of 30 days in advance of the meeting. The terms of office, including elections, filling vacancies and removal of officers, will be identified in the organization bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. Bylaws

Section 1. Bylaws shall be established by the neighborhood association that define how the Fairmount Neighborhood Association conducts business. Items addressed in the bylaws shall include at a minimum:

- Board Member positions and descriptions for each position
- Timing and process for elections.
- Process for filling vacancies and for vacating positions mid-term.
- Meetings:
 - Definition of quorum:
 - General Meeting
 - Board Meeting
 - Process for conducting the business of the meeting. (Robert's Rules of Order is recommended.)
 - Number of general meetings each year.
 - How often the board will meet.

Section 2. Bylaws shall be approved and adopted by vote at a publicized general membership meeting.

ARTICLE IX: Outreach

Section 1. The Board shall have the ultimate responsibility for content included in outreach materials.

ARTICLE X: Finances

Section 1. The Board shall establish a fiscal process including budgeting, expenditures, authorizations, and an internal fiscal control system.

Section 2. The process for approving and allocating Neighborhood Association funds outside of funding that may be allocated by the City shall be outlined in the bylaws.

ARTICLE XI. Amendments and Charter Review

Section 1. This charter may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any general membership meeting. Written notice of the proposed charter amendment shall be given to the general membership prior to the meeting. Charter amendment shall not take effect unless and until approved and accepted by resolution of the City Council.

Approved by the Fairmount Neighborhood Association membership at a general meeting held on:

Signatures:

_____ Co-chair

_____ Co-chair

_____ Secretary