



## By-Laws of the organization

### **AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS**

Council of North County Neighborhoods, Inc. (CNCN)

[Amended Jan. 2021]

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the organization is the Council of North County Neighborhoods, Inc. (CNCN)

#### **ARTICLE II: BOUNDARIES**

The boundaries shall be the areas North of St. Rt. 586 – Curlew Road in Pinellas County Florida.

#### **ARTICLE III: PURPOSE**

1. To unite existing neighborhood organizations dedicated to improving their area, and to foster the formation of such organizations.
2. To promote communication and cooperation between member organizations
3. To foster a sense of community
4. To provide a forum for member organizations
5. To act as a neighborhood advocate for the benefit of our member organizations

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

1. ACTIVE MEMBER, An active member organization meets the following criteria:

- a. The organization represents a defined area.
- b. Membership within the organization is open to all residents of the defined area
- c. The stated goals of the member organization include promoting a sense of community and addressing issues of public concern.
- d. The member organizations' CNCN dues are paid.

2. ASSOCIATE MEMBER, An associate member organization supports the objectives of CNCN, but does not meet the eligibility requirements of an Active Member organization.

Associate members are able to serve on the Board of Directors. .

3. All organizations applying for membership must complete a CNCN application; attach a copy of their bylaws, and a check in the amount of CNCN's annual dues.

4. The application for membership will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the next meeting and is subject to approval by a majority of the members present.

#### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

1. CNCN Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month



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2. CNCN Town meetings are held the third Monday of the month at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All meetings are open to the public.
3. A Quorum will be when there are 2/3 of the board present or 1/3 of the total members. A majority vote at a meeting where a quorum is present constitutes action by the board.
4. Each member organization is entitled to one vote.
5. Each member organization will provide in writing, a representative and at least one alternate representative from within their organization.

### **ARTICLE VI: FISCAL YEAR AND DUES**

1. CNCN's fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Dues established by the officers and approved by the majority of the member organizations will be due and payable on January 1st. Any member more than sixty days in arrears will be denied voting privileges until their dues are paid.
2. The President will appoint an audit committee of at least two members to review the year's financial records and report to the board at the February meeting.

### **ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The OFFICERS of CNCN shall be the President, a 1st Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, 4 Directors-at-Large and Founder John Miolla. and John Miolla, as founding member, shall hold permanent position as OFFICER for so long as they wish to serve.
2. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS of CNCN shall be OFFICERS . This BOARD OF DIRECTORS will collectively constitute the internal policy-making body of the organization.
3. Individuals who have declared their candidacy for public office or elected officials are ineligible to be a CNCN OFFICER. Any officer who so declares or who is appointed to fill an unexpired term of public office shall automatically be released as a CNCN OFFICER.
4. An OFFICER or board member of CNCN may be removed from office for cause by a two thirds vote of the board of directors, voting by written ballot, at a regular or special meeting called for such action. Ten days written notice to the affected officer and the board of directors of any such action shall be required.

### **ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**



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1. A nominating committee will be appointed by the President, and approved by the Board of Directors at the September Board Meeting.
2. The nominating committee will present a ballot of directors at the November board meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, and nominations will then be closed. The nominating committee will conduct the election at the January meeting. A majority vote of the active members present at the January meeting shall constitute a decision.
3. The nominating committee will propose candidates for any officer vacancy, except President. The Board will select a Board member to become President
4. Directors shall serve staggered three year terms, unless elected to fill an unexpired term, in which case they will serve until the next election.
5. Officers will be elected by the new board of directors members after the election and will serve a one year term.

### **ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The President shall preside at all CNCN meetings where possible. In so doing, the President or designated officer shall rule upon all questions of order, enforce the provisions of the charter and the Bylaws, and generally supervise CNCN business at the direction of the Board. Standing Committees shall be appointed as necessary and such appointments will be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
2. The First Vice President shall actively assist the President in the supervision of CNCN business and will preside in the absence of the President. In the event the President is unable to complete his/her term of office, the Board will select his/her replacement
- 3.. The Secretary shall attend CNCN meetings and will keep an accurate and complete record and minutes of all proceedings. The previous month's minutes along with attendance lists will be submitted at each Board Meeting. The Secretary will send all correspondence as requested by the President and the Board of Directors.
5. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all CNCN funds, shall keep complete records of all receipts and disbursements and shall present a written report at each Board Meeting. The Treasurer shall make no expenditure of funds except by and with the knowledge of the President and/or the Board of Directors. The books shall be audited annually or at the request of the Board of Directors.



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6. The Directors-at-Large (3) shall attend CNCN meetings where possible and assist the organization in promoting its message throughout the County to homeowners associations, community groups, and business.

7. All records in the possession of CNCN officers are the property of CNCN and must be turned over in their entirety to their successors within one week of their installation.

### **ARTICLE X: PUBLIC POLICY**

1. Only the President or the President's designee will make public statements on behalf of CNCN. While the President may respond to press inquiries, statements should reflect the diverse opinions within the organization.

2. No representative of CNCN shall make public statements attacking the integrity of any elected official.

### **ARTICLE XI: RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Where not otherwise provided herein, all proceedings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 9th Edition.

### **ARTICLE XII: AMENDING PROCEDURE**

These bylaws may be amended at any board meeting by a two thirds vote of the Board of Directors in attendance provided the amendments have been submitted in writing to the entire board at least four weeks in advance.

**END OF BYLAWS**