

CHELATCHIE PRAIRIE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION NAME

The name of this association shall be Chelatchie Prairie Neighborhood Association (CPNA) and may also be referred to as Chelatchie Prairie Neighborhood Association of Clark County, Washington.

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

The Chelatchie Prairie Neighborhood Association is established by the residents in order to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the neighborhood and its residents.

The purposes of this organization are:

- a) To address community issues within our boundaries;
- b) To form a greater sense of community among residents;
- c) To generate a unified voice in local government issues;
- d) To create a sense of neighborhood ownership for all persons residing within the boundaries;
- e) To organize social and community enhancement events to bring the neighborhood together.

ARTICLE 3 - BOUNDARIES

NORTH: NE Healy Rd/NE Belvins Rd, RR track to NE Gerber-McKee Rd/NE Amboy Rd to 503 to NE 185th Ave/NE Cedar Creek Rd

EAST: NE Healy Rd/NE Belvins Rd

SOUTH: NE Amboy Rd/NE Gerber-McKee Rd

WEST: NE Cedar Creek Rd/NE 185th Ave

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Association is open to all persons at least 18 years of age that reside or operate businesses within the boundaries.

This includes home and property owners, residents that rent/lease their homes or apartments, managers of multiple-family dwellings, and one representative of non-profit and profit organizations within the boundaries of this neighborhood association.

ARTICLE 5 – ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION

The Association is administered by a volunteer board that is not employed by the county and is not affiliated with, or a department within, Clark County government.

Official recognition by the county and compliance with the county's program requirements entitles the association to specific benefits and services and a communications liaison in the county's Neighborhood Outreach Program.

ARTICLE 6 – DUES/FUNDING

- a) In compliance with Clark County rules, no dues will be charged to members.
- b) Voluntary contributions, contracts, grants, subscriptions, or fund-raising activities may be used by the Association as needed.

- c) The Association officers have the authority to approve expenditure of funds by a majority vote, and accounting and reporting of all funds shall be recorded and reported by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- d) In the event the Association goes inactive, if there are any funds in the treasury, they will be donated to a local organization that serves residents of our neighborhood.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS

- Section 1. Association meetings shall be scheduled by the Board at least three times per year. The association must meet at least once per year to remain active and to be officially recognized in Clark County’s neighborhood outreach program.
- Section 2. Special association meetings shall be called by the Board as deemed necessary and members will be notified.
- Section 3. Association meeting agendas will include:
 - Call to Order
 - Flag Salute
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - Guest Speakers (or other relevant neighborhood information of interest)
 - Old Business/New Business
 - Motion to Adjourn
- Section 4. Motions made and seconded at association meetings shall be voted on by members present. Voting shall be done by a show of hands and approval shall be by a majority vote.
- Section 5. The Quorum for an association meeting shall be those members present, so long as notice has been duly given.

ARTICLE 8 – OFFICERS:

- Section 1. In the best practice standards, the Board shall consist of three officers, accommodating for the operational functions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In the event of a lack of volunteers, any officer can hold two positions to continue operation of the Chelatchie Prairie Neighborhood Association.
- Section 2. The officers may choose to appoint more members as needed to lead large or special volunteer projects.
- Section 3. Members of the Board will include the officers and the committee chairpersons.
- Section 4. Eligibility and Standards of Conduct:
 - 1) All officers must reside within the boundaries of the neighborhood as defined in Article 3.
 - 2) The Association’s Board actively volunteers and hosts neighborhood events throughout Clark County and will abide by all applicable laws and regulations while representing the Association.

ARTICLE 9 – OFFICERS DUTIES

- Section 1. President:
 - 1) The President shall generally supervise the business and affairs of the association.

They shall preside over all association and board meetings.

2) Should the board consist of an even number of members, the President shall be a non-voting board member.

3) They may represent the association at other meetings in the community as needed.

4) They shall act as the contact person for members via mail, email at ChelatchiePrairieNeighborhood@gmail.com, phone or direct personal contact.

5) The President shall maintain all original and copies of official paperwork/documents pertaining to the business and affairs of the association with copies provided to the Secretary/Treasurer for association records.

6) The President shall assign the duty and oversee the publication of the association's newsletter and maintain copies of them.

7) The President, along with the board-at-large shall safeguard the privacy of the membership.

8) The President shall be a signer on the association's checking account.

Section 2. Vice-President:

1) The Vice-President shall assist the President when necessary, by attending meetings or other community events on behalf of the association.

2) The Vice-President performs the duties of the President in the event the President is unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities.

3) The Vice-President shall be a signer on the association's checking account.

Section 3. Secretary/Treasurer: These duties may be combined and assigned to one person, or split between two individuals.

a. Secretary:

1) The Secretary shall take notes of all association and board meetings.

Association meeting notes dating back 6 months or older shall be made available upon written request to the association Secretary. Notes from the last association meeting shall be available for viewing at the next association meeting with copies available upon written request.

2) The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of all Association business, including but not limited to, all meeting notes, meeting notices, correspondence, copies of financial report, copies of up-to-date bylaws, articles of incorporation paperwork, copies of all newsletter, and any other historical documents pertaining to the ongoing business of the association.

b. Treasurer:

1) The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the association checking account.

2) The Treasurer will prepare accurate and timely financial reports to be presented at every association meeting and provide a copy to the Secretary for inclusion in the meeting notes.

3) The Treasurer shall submit all account information to an Audit Committee each year prior to Board elections.

4) The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all income and expenditures of the association and provide a monthly bank statement to the President. The Treasurer shall prepare each check of the association which shall require two signatures. The Treasurer shall be a signer on the checking account. Three authorized signatures shall be maintained on the association's checking account.

Section 4. Board as a whole shall:

1) execute a duty of loyalty to safeguard the privacy of the membership;

2) appoint members and establish committees to perform necessary functions and represent the association;

- 3) make appointment(s) to fill any vacancy on the Board until the next association meeting where members will vote on the appointee;
 - 4) shall make informed decisions regarding association issues and/or events for the good of the association when impractical to present such information to the membership in a timely manner. All such actions shall be reported to members at the next Association meeting; and
 - 5) all Board meetings shall have a quorum of half the Board members plus one.
- Section 5. As the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer leave their position, all official paperwork/documents shall be passed on to their successors. Changes to the bank account should be made as soon as possible after the new officer(s) are elected and reinstated.

ARTICLE 10 – ELECTIONS

- Section 1. Nominations and Elections for Board members shall take place at the first Association meeting of the calendar year. The election meeting shall be noticed with a postcard meeting notice mailed to all residents of the neighborhood.
- Section 2. Candidates interested in an elected Board position must submit in writing their name and brief candidate statement to the President by February 1st to be included in the slate of candidates presented to membership. Announcement of the slate of candidates to appear on the ballot for election to the Board shall be published in the Association newsletter/postcard and mailed prior to the first calendar year Association meeting.
- Section 3. Candidate eligibility: Candidates must have attended at least two previous association meetings within the prior 18 months, not including the election meeting. Verification of attendance is per attendance sign-in sheets passed at each Association meeting.
- Section 4. Voting Privileges: One vote shall be allowed for each member. Proxy votes are not allowed. Members shall be required to show proof of residency within the neighborhood boundaries to be eligible to vote in Association elections.
- Section 5. Voting: To be by written ballot. An affirmative vote on ballots cast by a majority of those members in attendance at a general an Association meeting shall be required for election.
- Section 6. Terms of Office: Board members shall serve for one year or until they resign or are removed by a vote of the officers or the membership in accordance with Article 11. There is no limitation on the number of terms of office any person may serve.
- Section 7. The new Board members shall assume office at the close of the Association election meeting.

ARTICLE 11 – REMOVALS AND VACANCIES

- Section 1. Any Board member may resign his/her office at any time. Such resignation shall be declared in writing and will take effect upon acceptance by the Board, President or Vice-President.

- Section 2. The Board may declare the seat of any elected or selected Board member vacant if that member is absent from three consecutive Board meetings without cause deemed sufficient by the Board.
- Section 3. Noncompliance of Article 8, Section 4 (Eligibility) is cause for immediate removal from the Board. Board member will be notified in writing via email or mail that they are no longer a member of the Board.
- Section 4. In the event of a vacancy, the Board shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the existing Board members and the appointed officer will serve until the election at the next annual meeting, or, if needed, an interim election meeting can be held if noticed to all residents by postcard.

ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended or revised by an affirmative vote by a majority of members in attendance at an Association meeting, so long as notice of proposed changes are published with the call to meeting.

These bylaws are the standard by which the Association conducts itself and its business and were adopted by the Association Board after a majority vote of acceptance by the Association membership on **June 4, 2024**.

Officers Elected at this meeting:

President: Jonathon Spafford,
Vice-President: Jerry Balch
Secretary/Treasurer: Brenda Brophy