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 Bylaws, 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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