

THE HEIGHTS

Candidates needed to fill officer roles - No experience needed

The Annual Meeting, election and holiday party is December 5

It has been a wonderful two years serving you as the Chair of the 16th Street Neighborhood Association. However, building a sustainable community organization requires cycling the reins of leadership to new members every few years. Our past experience has been that one or more dedicated neighbors have assumed the responsibility of keeping the Association going for extended periods, then they burn out and there's no one in the wings to keep the organization going.

The current executive team has been very mindful of this. In December, we will hold our annual meeting to elect a new team of leaders. The four officers, myself, Vice-Chair, Carrie Beaudreau, Secretary, Cecelia Waldeck and Treasurer, Susie King will not run for re-election to give a new group of neighbors their opportunity to lead this great organization. Our three At-Large board members, Pat Lute, Vikisha Fripp and Nathan Stokes have expressed a desire to continue as members of the executive team, providing the community with continuity, but for various reasons are unable to take on an officer role at this

time. Therefore, we are appealing to you. Please consider investing your time, talents and energy in keeping this



Councilmember Brandon Todd, with an assist from Councilmember Robert White, swears in the Executive Team at the Feb. 2017 meeting.

great community asset going and growing. You don't need prior experience (I didn't have any), you don't need a whole lot of free time (our board is made up of very active individuals who have found the time - and we have always had great volunteers lending a hand).

If you have ever wanted to be a catalyst for change in our beloved neighborhood, becoming a leader of the Association is a way to make things happen.

Sincerely,

Jack Campbell

(For more info on the duties of the officers, see Article VII of our bylaws at <http://www.ssna-dc.org/by-laws>)

Holiday Party to follow Election Meeting

The 16th Street Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting and Holiday party will be held at Las Placitas Restaurant (4724 14th Street) on Tuesday December 5. The elections/administrative part of the meeting will begin at 7 pm and is expected to conclude by 7:30. The Holiday Party

will begin immediately afterwards. The Association will provide appetizers from the restaurant's bountiful menu for the evening's festivities. A cash bar will also be available.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 5

TIME: 7 pm - 9 pm

WHERE: Las Placitas Restaurant

Who's Eligible to Run for Office

Any resident twenty-one years or older who both resides within the boundaries of the 16th Street Neighborhood Association (*see below*) and is member of the Association.

If you wish to run for one of the officer position, you can submit your name and contact information to the Association's Secretary, Cecelia Waldeck (cwald4517@yahoo.com). Nomination's will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the Annual Meeting. A 'member' is defined as a resident who's current on their annual dues.

Who's Eligible to Vote

Any resident twenty-one years or older, who is a 'member' of the Association and who resides within the boundaries of the 16th Street Neighborhood, defined as the community between Upshur Street NW on the South and Decatur Street NW on the North; and 16th Street NW on the West and 14th Street NW on the East.

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Bylaw amendments up for vote at Annual Meeting

The Executive Team will present the following amendments to the bylaw for approval at the December 5 Annual meeting. The proposed amendments will modernize and simplify our meeting frequency and notice requirements, create the possibility of “Co-Chairs” for the Association’s leadership and restrict elected officials from holding a position on the Executive Team:

AMENDMENT A (Bylaws Art. V, sections I and 4, changes as noted):

- **Section 1:** “Regular meetings of the Association shall be held on such day ~~(the 3rd Tuesday of each month)~~ and at such place as shall be specified by the Executive Committee, but in no event shall there be fewer ~~than ten (10) meetings each year.~~ **[INSERT: “than one meeting per quarter each year.]** ~~Written notice of such meetings shall be sent to all members seven days prior to the meeting via the newsletter.~~ **[INSERT: Notice of the annual calendar of meetings shall be posted to the Listserv and/or published in the newsletter seven days prior to the first meeting date of the year. Any additional meetings shall be posted to the Listserv three (3) days prior to the meeting date.]**”
- **Section 4:** Notice of [INSERT: “Special”] Meetings. ~~Written notice~~ [INSERT: “Notice via the Listserv,”] stating the place, day and hour of the **[INSERT: “Special”]** meeting shall be delivered by the Chair, the Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting ~~to each member~~ not less than three days prior to the Special Meeting and shall contain the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.”

AMENDMENT B (Bylaws Art. VI, section 2, changes as noted):

- **Section 2: Number, Tenure and Qualifications.** **[INSERT: New sentence at end of the section, “No member of the Executive Committee shall hold elective office in the government of the District of Columbia.”]**

AMENDMENT C (Bylaws Art. VII, section 1, changes as noted):

- **Section 1:** Officers. “The officers of the Association shall be elected by the members and shall be a Chair **[INSERT: “or Co-Chairs if the membership elects],** a Vice Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer.”

AMENDMENT D (Bylaws Art. XVI, changes as noted):

- These Bylaws may be altered or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those members present and voting at a meeting of members at which a quorum exists and at which the amendment is to be considered, ~~provided that notice by mail and/or email~~ **[INSERT: provided that the notice of the proposed changes have been communicated via mail/email, the newsletter or posting to the Listserv]** ~~of the proposed amendment has been furnished to each member in writing,~~ not less than seven days prior to the meeting at which the motion is scheduled for consideration.”

For more information about the 16th Street Neighborhood Association go to our website at: ssna-dc.org.

For Your Information

- **2018 Annual Visitors Parking Pass (VPP):** The annual VPP used to be automatically sent to each home, now you must go online at www.vpp.dc.gov/vpp to apply for the pass. Or you can call 311 or DDOT’s call center at (202) 671-2700 after January 1.
- **Bulk Trash Collection:** The presence of discarded large and bulky items in our alleys continue to be a problem. These items cannot be put out with the regular trash for collection. DPW only collects oversized items by appointment. Call 311 to make an appointment for pick up. Or, take items to the Ft. Totten Transfer Station at 4900 John F. McCormack Drive, NE, M-F: 1 - 5 pm; Sat: 8 am - 3 pm.
- **Join the SSNA Listserv:** Be in the know in real time, meet your neighbors, share info on contractors/handyman, find a home for that white elephant gift. To join, go to www.yahoo.com. Under “Groups” search for “16thStNA”. Then, just send an email request to join the listserv to: 16thstna-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Please include your full name and street address.

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