

Capitol Hill Community Council

Companion Notes

PURPOSE This document is a series of notes regarding suggested changes and questions relating to the Capitol Hill Community Council Working Bylaws. The working bylaws are, by design, minimalist because they were created by unelected boosters of the council and should be updated once a duly elected council is able.

Things that happen at the first meeting after elections

- 1) Officers are named, presumably after a nomination and vote
- 2) If there are problematic vacancies on any committees they will need to be addressed
- 3) Council Governance Meetings for the year are formally scheduled
- 4) Committee assignments are formalized

SUGGESTIONS

Article II could be clarified further to include the kinds of activities that the council is expected to participate in.

Article V could be expanded to include different affirmative action requirements - it might be good to have some young folks, and some older folks, people who rent vs own, to represent different elements or demographics of CH

Article V could use a different quorum style, consider quorum of votes in favor or look at other options.

Article V could be expanded to include Ex Officio members of public institutions such as 12th Ave Arts, Seattle Central Community College, CAPA, ect.

Article V does not currently include any rules of order - there are a lot of styles to use when running meetings. The very common Robert's Rules of Order is cumbersome, it would be good for the council to have a structure, but maybe that comes out of a future "rules and bylaws" committee to provide flexibility and doesn't need to live in the bylaw.

Article VII could create a series of standing committees including elections, rules and bylaws, member and organizational outreach, possibly public safety, possibly parks and recreation,

Article VII could clarify the relationship between community organizations and the council, creating a framework of expectations.

Article VIII could include requirements for public notice of meetings. I'd like to see them announced on the website and the capitol hill blog or equivalent.

Create an article on financial practices - check with the city to see if there are any laws to be enforced. Consider redundancy in fiscal management and transparency.

A glossary of terms should be added to aid in understanding.

Addendums/Attachments

Attachment A - [Map of the Capitol Hill Boundaries](#)

Attachment B - [Explanation of 2025 Elections](#)

Attachment C - Letter from the Heather and Chris Paulus regarding these original bylaws

Attachment D - Article to be published in Capitol Hill Blog

Attachment E - [History of the CHCC prior to 2025](#)