

New Proposed Bylaws Changes as of 14-Jan-2026

The following proposed 4 changes and additions are organized by **section**. Context is included where it seemed helpful.

3) Neighborhood Meetings: Open and Participatory

Change:

Binding votes at general neighborhood meetings require ten Bay Creek neighbors to be present.

To:

Binding votes at general neighborhood meetings require 2/3 majority with at least ten Bay Creek neighbors present.

Rationale:

The neighborhood association exists in part to build community. Close votes passed with a simple majority are more likely to divide the community. Historically, many of our votes have been unanimous, so the 2/3 requirement shouldn't prove a hardship.

4) Neighborhood Council: Our leadership

Add:

Council members and neighbors conducting Neighborhood Association business share records and communication with the Council as promptly as is reasonable or whenever they are requested.

Rationale:

Transparency often has a timeline: Transparency delayed is often transparency denied.

5) Standing and Ad Hoc Committees: How we work together

Change:

Standing Committees monitor neighborhood activity, promote awareness, and coordinate action related to their focus; they represent the Association and neighborhood residents as appropriate, informing the Association of their activities.

To:

Committees monitor neighborhood activity, promote awareness, and coordinate action related to their focus, informing the Association of their activities. Committees are only authorized to represent the Association when the Association has instructed the Committee to take a position.

Rationale:

The Association's collective decision making structure, its lack of an executive, does not empower Committees or their Chairs to use their position to represent themselves as speaking for the Association.

10) End of Association

Add:

Dissolving the Neighborhood Association requires two votes: First, it must pass a simple majority advisory vote at a general meeting. Once passed, a notice is published in the Bay Creek Bulletin. Finally, it must pass with a 2/3rd majority at a general meeting at least three weeks after publication.

Rationale:

The bylaws specified what happens when the Association ends, but not *how* it ends.