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Notes for Bylaw Committee Recommendation Notes to Board Meeting 3/22/2017

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1. Article II: Purpose Section 1

This change in language to increase inclusiveness. These were changes suggested from 2016 retreat as to allow noncitizen residents and other organizations to be included.

Article II: Purpose Section 5

This change was suggested by the equity committee to show our commitment to encourage all to participate. Having it in the purpose as opposed to the membership area shows a larger commitment which is desired. It makes it clear and gives emphasis that we welcome all.

2. Article IV: Board of Directors Section 1d

This is added to help evaluate the organization's need of each committee. For example, if a committee has outlived its purpose or does not function well. **

Article IV: Board of Directors Section 2b

Change to allow for vice chairs to sit on board if standing chairs are absent. The board must approve the vice chair previously. *

Article IV: Board of Directors Section 4

Change in language to clarify language and relationship of NAs and Bas with their constituents.

3. Article VI: Duties of Officers Section 1e

This allows for vice chairs. *

4. Article VII: Executive Committee Section 3d

This is added to help to evaluate the need for and functioning of the committees **

5. Article VIII: Standing and Special Committees Section 1

Changes to make the NAs have the majority vote on the board. This was added because of the growing number of committees and the desire to keep to the premise that SWNI should be mainly a board of neighborhood associations.

Example:

Current number of NA=15 (non-vacant)

Current number of Offices=5 (president,1vp,2vp, secretary, treasurer)

Current number of standing committees = 8

$8+5 = 13 =$ sum of offices and standing committees

sum of # committees and offices is less than the # non-vacant NAs

$13 < 15$

Article VIII: Standing and Special Committees Section 2

This was added to make sure that the board sees the motion or decision from the committee, this ensures that the motion or decision by the committee is represented to the board in the

manner expected by the committee. This is to prevent any misrepresentation of the committee's actions, regardless of how chair or vice chair feels about it.

Article VIII: Standing and Special Committees Section 5

Change to allow for vice chair. *

NOTES:

* all changes relating to allowing vice chairs

** all changes related to board monitoring committees

Other issues Discussed

There has been thought and discussion of changing the makeup of the SWNI board.

The Bylaws committee thinks that this draft of the bylaws is best solution for now. If further work on this is to be done, we suggest that a governance committee be formed to research and think through any alternatives such as taking away committee chair's votes.