

## **BYLAWS OF THE PRESTON COMMUNITY CLUB**

### **ARTICLE I MEMBERS**

**Section 1.** Residents of Preston and High Point, Upper Preston and Mitchell Hill as defined by the accompanying map, 18 years of age and over shall be eligible for membership in the Preston Community Club (“Club”). Non-residents may become members and may attend business meetings but shall not be eligible to vote or to stand for office. Residents under the age of 18 are encouraged to participate in Club business through the Youth Activities Committee.

**Section 2.** The annual dues shall be set by the Preston Community Club Council (“Council”) and approved by the members. Dues shall be collected by the end of March, except in the case of new members who shall pay dues on joining and thereafter pay annually. Pro-rated dues shall be established for new members joining after June 30 in any year.

### **ARTICLE II OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The elected officers of the Club constitute its Council, which is its board of directors. Those officers include a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and one or more elected directors, any one of whom may also serve as chairs or members of the Club’s committees, task forces or project teams. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Club.

**Section 2.** The officers shall be nominated at one meeting, generally in October, and elected at a subsequent meeting, generally in November. Nominations shall be made by the Council’s appointed Nominating Committee and ratified by the membership. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. The officers shall assume their duties at the meeting following election, generally in December.**Section 3.** The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

**Section 4.** If the office of the president should become vacant, the vice president shall become president, and in the event any other office becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Council.

## **ARTICLE III      MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Regular meetings of the Club shall be held at times selected by the Council and publicized well in advance during each month from September to June, and they shall be open to the public..

**Section 2.** A special meeting may be called upon recommendation of any three or more members of the council, or upon the written request of 10 members provided that seven days notice is given to all members, or in case of an emergency, telephone or email contact has been made with 50 % of the membership. An agenda for the special meeting shall be posted to the Club website and for public viewing within the Preston-High Point area. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting other than the business which necessitated the special meeting.

**Section 3.** The secretary shall post an agenda prior to all regular meetings and notify all members of special meetings.

**Section 4.** The regular meeting in October shall be known as the annual meeting.

**Section 5.** To conduct club business, 10 voting members shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE IV      THE BOARD**

**Section 1.** The board of directors shall be known as the Preston Community Club Council and shall consist of the officers of the club. These are: the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past-president, one or more of the chairs of standing committees and representatives of High Point, Mitchell Hill, central Preston and Upper Preston.

**Section 2.** The Council shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club between its regular meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Club and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Council shall be subject to the orders of the Club, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Club. The Council shall not levy fees, fines or penalties on members, but it shall have authority to set annual dues for voting members.

## **ARTICLE V      COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** The Council shall have authority to appoint committee chairs, committee members, specialists and project liaisons for any or all purposes.

**Section 2.** At the very least, such committees, specialists and project liaisons shall focus on the issues that have been of historical importance to Preston—land use, social events, heritage, history, community affairs and communications.

**Section 3.** A Land Use Committee of at least three people shall be responsible for representing the Club and, indirectly, the Preston-High Point community on all relevant land use, environmental and natural resource issues. Members of the Land Use Committee shall attend such meetings, briefings or events as deemed necessary to properly represent the interests of the Club and to keep the Club informed of land use activities affecting the Preston-High Point area.

**Section 4.** Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Council, as the Council shall deem necessary to carry out the purpose of the Club.

## **ARTICLE VI      RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Section 1.** It shall be the responsibility of all officers, Council members and committee members to comply with these bylaws and to fairly represent the members of the Club.

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**Section 3.** Censure or removal from office shall require a three-fourths majority vote of the voting members present at a regular or special meeting of the club.

**Section 4.** The president is expressly authorized to undertake, with concurrence of the Council, all actions, in conjunction with King County Parks, the Eastside Football Club and Issaquah Little League, necessary for the design, construction and funding of a recreational park and facility on the Preston Park site; and with concurrence of the Council, all actions, in conjunction with King County Parks, necessary for the design, construction and funding of an ecological, historical and limited recreational facility on the Preston Mill site.

## **ARTICLE VII      PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the club may adopt.

## **ARTICLE VIII    AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular or special meeting.