

THE IRISHTOWN BEND BLOCK CLUB BY-LAWS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the IRISHTOWN BLOCK CLUB (IBC) is to maintain and improve the living, business and cultural conditions for the residents and businesses in the area. IBC is a Constituent Group as that term is defined in Article VII of the Tremont West Development Corporation's (TWDC) Code of Regulations, and hereby adopts the mission and goals of TWDC as stated therein.

BLOCK CLUB AREA

The borders of the IBC are: North, Center Street; South, Lorain Avenue; West, the west side of the RTA to Franklin Road to 25th Street to Old Detroit Road to Center St.; East, the parcels fronting Columbus Road to the Epic Steel Driveway to the Flats Industrial Railroad.

MEMBERSHIP

A *member* is any person 18 years of age or older who primarily resides or owns a business or land within the IBC area. Members may attend meetings and other events, take part in discussions and initiate discussions of a particular topic. Persons 18 years of age or older who permanently reside, own a business or land within an adjacent block club's area boundary may attend as *guests*; they may not be voting members of two block clubs simultaneously.

A *guest* is any person other than a Member or Voting Member in attendance at an IBC meeting or event. Guests must sign the sign-in sheet at each meeting they attend and introduce themselves as such during the introductions portion of the meeting. Guests may take part in discussion at the pleasure of the Chair/Co-Chairs of the meeting, but without voting rights, and without right to make or second motions or initiate discussion of a particular topic.

Members can vote, make or second motions and nominate or second candidates for officers. □ Each member shall have one vote. A business or commercial property owner who does not reside in the IBC area may designate one representative as a member. □ The owner of a business or commercial property owner who also resides in the IBC area shall have one vote.

Absentee votes will be considered for individuals who are unable to vote in person. Absentee voters will count toward a quorum. To be considered a valid vote, absentee votes must be received by one of the chairs in writing or by e-mail prior to the vote. It is the absent voting member's responsibility to make and confirm the request in a timely manner.

OFFICERS

The block club will elect a chair and an assistant chair that will be responsible for carrying out the procedures and requirements set forth in the by-laws. Their duties will include: facilitating meetings; setting agenda items; maintaining a roster of members and verifying that votes are counted only from those eligible; sit on the Board of the Tremont West Development Corporation and officially representing the IBC as required.

The block club will also elect a secretary. The secretary shall record the minutes of the meeting, make them available to members as well as present the previous meeting's minutes for approval at each meeting.

The chairs and secretary will be elected to a term of one year based on nominations from the membership at large.

MEETINGS

The IBC will meet at least six times each calendar year on the second Wednesday of the month at a place and time to be announced ten days prior to the scheduled meeting. A quorum consists of seven members. Every meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Sign-in sheets will be available to record attendance. A majority is required to pass an item of business.

These by-laws are to be adopted by a majority vote. A two-thirds majority is required for their modification, with notification of proposed changes having been circulated for 30 days prior to the vote.

FUNDS

Tremont West is the keeper of the funds of IBC, and the chairs shall inquire from time to time and report to the membership as to the amount of funds currently available. The disbursement of any of the funds of IBC shall be by the chairs in coordination with Tremont West. IBC may acquire funds either by donation, grant, or fundraising. Funds maybe disbursed, among other reasons, for reimbursement to members, or to non-members, or for items purchased for IBC purposes.

