

FRANKLIN FARM FOUNDATION  
Administrative Resolution #12 A

Statement of Purpose  
Council of Neighborhoods

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 8(i) of the Bylaws appoint the committees prescribed in Article VIII herein and such other committees as the Board of Trustees deem necessary or helpful;

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2(b) (iv) of the Bylaws state that the Neighborhood Board shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desire these committees to function with the interest of the neighborhood;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees has changed the name of the Executive Council to "Council of Neighborhoods" and accepted the attached Statement of Purpose.

17 September 1986  
Date

Thomas E. Eckert  
Thomas E. Eckert, President

Attest:

Money R. Leary  
Executive Director

I hereby certify that a vote was duly taken and the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees of the Board of Trustees at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1986

SEAL

Patricia Flannery  
Secretary

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE  
FRANKLIN FARM COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIRPERSONS

The Trustees of Franklin Farm Foundation, wishing to establish a Council of Neighborhoods, accordingly publish this Statement of Purpose to guide the operations of said Council.

The Franklin Farm Council of Neighborhoods (formerly known as the Executive Council) is formed to accomplish four basic purposes:

- A. To provide a forum whereby Franklin Farm Neighborhood Chairpersons can freely discuss issues and matters of concern and share experiences to enhance the effectiveness of the Trustee/Neighborhood/Committee Franklin Farm organizational structure.
- B. To serve as a means of speedy and direct communications between the Board of Trustees and the Neighborhood Boards.
- C. To obtain, for the Trustees, a "sense of the community" opinion regarding critical issues which are so time sensitive that a direct poll of residents is not feasible.
- D. To provide an additional forum whereby issues of common concern to the majority of residents and Neighborhoods can be brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees.

Established Committees shall remain the normal means for exploration in depth and resolution of specific issues within their purview. Neighborhood Boards are expected to diligently appoint neighborhood residents to the various committees and remain informed of issues through reports from their committee representatives, taking formal actions as required through monthly Neighborhood meetings of the elected/appointed Neighborhood Board members. However, recognizing that some Franklin Farm Neighborhoods may not always be able to obtain timely feedback from the established committees, the Board sees the Council of Neighborhoods as an extremely valuable additional forum.

Each Neighborhood Chairperson is considered to automatically be a member of the Council upon election and is encouraged to attend all meetings. When unable to attend, a Neighborhood Chairperson should designate another resident of the Neighborhood to attend, preferably another Neighborhood Board member.

The Council may establish whatever internal rules are desirable to a majority of the Council for the conduct of its meetings. The Council shall elect a Chairperson from among its membership, within a month following the confirmation of the annual Franklin Farm elections.

In order to provide assistance to the Council in discussing issues, it is the policy of the Board of Trustees that at least one member of the Board of Trustees will attend each meeting of the Council, as scheduled by the Board. Other Trustees may attend as they wish. It is further the desire of the Trustees that Council meetings remain open to all residents of Franklin Farm, although only the designated representative of each Neighborhood (normally the Chairperson) should speak for the Neighborhood as a whole.

The Council is encouraged to request guidance or additional information from the Board of Trustees on any issue and to suggest topics or issues for consideration by the Board of Trustees. In order to enhance communication between the Council and the Board of Trustees and expedite consideration of issues suggested by the Council, the Board of Trustees requests that the Council normally hold its meetings at least one week before each scheduled Board of Trustees' meeting.