BYLAWS

DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Article 1. Name

Section a. The name of this association is the Drake Neighborhood Association.

Article 2. Boundaries

Section a. The boundaries of the association shall be the McVicar Freeway (aka Interstate 235), 42nd Street, Franklin Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.

Article 3. Purposes

Section a. To gain awareness and instill pride in our neighborhood.
Section b. To make our neighbors feel secure in their persons and belongings.
Section c. To preserve and beautify our neighborhood.
Section d. To promote a healthy business climate for area businesses.
Section e. To encourage a self-help attitude in our neighborhood.

Article 4. Membership

Section a. Membership in the association is obtained by payment of annual dues, to be established by the board of directors with approval of the general membership.
Section b. Membership in the association shall generally be open to persons who live, work, own property or worship within the association's boundaries.

Article 5. Fiscal Year

Section a. The fiscal year of the association shall be the calendar year.

Article 6. General Membership Meetings

Section a. The general membership shall meet at least 4 (four) times each year. Additional meetings are encouraged. Notice of meetings will be at least 14 (fourteen) days.
Section b. At each meeting, new members shall be welcomed and the

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president or their designee shall devise methods of encouraging those in attendance to get acquainted.

Section c. Minutes of all board of director meetings shall be available at all general membership meetings. Copies of the minutes of the latest meetings shall be available for members to keep.

Section d. There may be a portion of each general meeting devoted to business. The business meetings shall be conducted by the president or their designee.

Section e. At each meeting, there shall be time devoted to membership inquiries about the board's activities and to membership suggestions.

Section f. At each meeting, there shall be devoted a time during which members may request the board to take action. There shall be a report from the president to the membership concerning the board's response at the next general meeting, if possible, or at the next soonest possible date.

Section g. The general membership shall be consulted on policy issues.

Section h. All general membership meetings shall be open to all interested persons.

Article 7. General Membership Business Meetings

Section a. Business at general membership meetings will be informational, with the president underscoring activities of the board of directors and reminding members of upcoming events.

Section b. For the occasion when formal meetings are needed, the following procedures shall be followed:

i. The president shall declare that the meeting is a formal meeting.

ii. Roberts Rules of Order, revised, shall prevail.

iii. Decisions taken by the general membership shall be determined by a show of hands.

iv. A majority of those present shall be required for approval of membership action.

v. The president shall have the authority to defer action on any proposal until a certain date. If possible, the deferral shall be no more than 60 days.

vi. The membership may agree, upon the president's suggestion, to defer action until the board has made a recommendation.

vii. The president may establish ground rules for the debate on any proposal, including time limits for each side and for the

entire debate.

viii. Ground rules shall be established at the time the issue is deferred.

Article 8. Board of Directors.

Section a. The board of directors shall consist of fifteen persons, including the officers of the association, for a term of two years, elected by the association.

Section b. The officers of the board of directors and of the association shall be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Section c. The board of directors shall exercise all powers vested in it by the general membership and shall be responsible for the business of the association.

Section d. Seven members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum and an affirmative vote of the majority of all members shall be required for approval of any action.

Section e. Meetings of the board of directors shall be held at least monthly. Special meetings may be called by the president or by written request of five members of the board. The purpose of the call shall be stated in the notice to members at least ten days in advance.

Section f. Members of the board of directors are expected to attend meetings. Members missing three consecutive meetings may be replaced on the board unless the board, by majority vote, permits the member to remain.

Section g. Members of the board of directors are expected to attend general membership meetings.

Section h. In case of emergency or convenience, if the president determines a meeting of the board of directors is not feasible, a proposal may be voted upon by the board of directors by mail, telephone or e-mail. Affirmative votes by a majority are needed for any action and the secretary shall provide a written record of any action taken.

Section i. Members of the board shall represent the diverse nature of our neighborhood.

Section j. All board members must be current paid members in good standing.

Article 9. Nominating Committee and Elections

Section a. The nominating committee shall be composed of three members appointed by the president with approval of the board of directors. The chairman of the committee shall be named by the president.

Section b. The nominating committee shall secure consent of its nominees to

serve if elected.

Section c. The chairman of the committee shall present a list of nominees to the board of directors the month before presented to the general membership. The nominees then will be presented to the general membership at the fourth general membership meeting of each year. .

Section d. The nominating committee shall submit a slate of nominations for all board positions to be filled for two-year terms. The slate will be published in the newsletter or a special mailing to the general membership. Additional nominations may be submitted by petition signed by at least 3 members of the association and must be received in the Drake Neighborhood Association office within 10 days of publication of the slate of candidates.

Section e. Election of officers and board members shall take place at the fourth general membership meeting. Ballots may be obtained in advance and returned prior to the meeting.

Section f. Members of the board shall assume their duties in January and shall serve until a successor is named.

Section g. At the time of nomination a candidate or nominee must be a current paid member of the association.

Article 10. Duties of Officers

Section a. The president shall preside at all meetings of the general membership, the board of directors and the executive committee. The president shall appoint all committees, committee chairmen and board liaisons to each committee. The president is responsible for oversight of committee work. The president shall be an ex officio member without vote on all committees, except they shall not be a member or ex officio member on the nominating committee. The president shall present a progress report to the general membership during the annual meeting.

Section b. The vice president shall perform the duties of president during the president's absence.

Section c. The secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the board meetings and the executive committee. The secretary shall keep minutes of the annual meetings, shall be custodian of all records of the association and shall be responsible for making copies of minutes available to the general membership.

Section d. The treasurer shall oversee and keep an itemized report of all monies received and spent, funds accumulate, and they shall pay all obligations as presented to the board and verified and make a

monthly report to the board. The treasurer shall prepare an annual report to be received at the first and third general membership meeting.

Article 11. Standing Committee

Section a. The board shall have an executive committee made up of its officers and two at-large members appointed by the president. The executive committee shall handle routine business of the board as directed by the board.

Section b. The board shall have a number of standing committees whose titles and memberships and duties shall be determined by the president with the board's approval.

Article 12. Approval and Amendment of Bylaws

Section a. The bylaws, when first presented to the general membership, may be amended by majority vote.

Section b. Approval of the bylaws shall require a majority vote of the general membership.

Section c. Subsequent amendment of the bylaws shall require a three-fifths majority vote of those present at a general membership meeting.

Dated: 1-30-06

David Courard-Hauri, President