

SPRING VALLEY • WESLEY HEIGHTS
Citizens Association
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
(CONSTITUTION)

1 May 1978

The purposes for which this Association is formed include the protection and support of the Constitution of the United States; the improvement in various ways, including educational and civic enterprises, of the District of Columbia; and the mutual improvement of the territory of the Association and of each other; and finally, to cooperate with other associations of like purposes on matters of mutual concern.

ARTICLE I

Section 1. - Name -- The name of this organization shall be "Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association".

Section 2. - Territory -- The territory of the Association shall be that part of the District of Columbia described by bounds from the current highway plan for the District of Columbia as follows:

"Beginning at Ward Circle; thence northwestward on West side of Massachusetts Avenue to Westmoreland Circle; thence southeastwards on Dalecarlia Parkway to Loughboro Road; thence eastward on North side of Loughboro Road and Nebraska Avenue to Foxhall Road; thence southward on Foxhall Road to Cathedral Avenue; thence westward on Cathedral Avenue to 49th Street; thence southward on 49th Street to Fulton Street; thence eastward on Fulton Street to Foxhall Road; thence southward on East side of Foxhall Road to "W" Street; thence eastward on "W" Street to Glover-Archbold Park; thence northward along Glover-Archbold Park to New Mexico Avenue; thence northward on West side of New Mexico Avenue to Nebraska Avenue; thence eastward on the North side of Nebraska Avenue to beginning at Ward Circle"; (exclusive of the campus of American University).

ARTICLE II

Section 1. - Organization -- All powers vested in the Association by law shall be lodged and shall forever remain in the membership of the Association.

Section 2. - Officers -- The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association from among the members in good standing in the Association.

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Section 3. - President -- The duties of the President shall be to preside at all regular and special meetings of the Association; to sign or authorize the signature of all official acts and orders necessary to carry out its will; to appoint initially the Chairmen and the membership of all standing committees and their replacements and to act ex-officio as a member of each such committee; to appoint the Chairmen and the membership of such special committees as may be authorized by the Association or by its Executive Committee. Following his election, the President shall continue to serve until the next annual meeting of the Association and thereafter until his successor shall accept office.

Section 4. - First Vice President -- The First Vice President shall preside during the absence of the President and shall succeed him in the event of his death, resignation or permanent incapacity.

Section 5. - Second Vice President -- The Second Vice President shall preside during the absence of the President and the First Vice President, and shall become First Vice President in the event of the death, resignation or permanent incapacity of the President or the First Vice President.

The term and method of election of the First Vice President and the Second Vice President shall be the same as that of the President.

Section 6. - Treasurer -- Upon accepting office following his election, the Treasurer will receive an accounting for the property of the Association and of financial transactions affecting the Association during the term of his predecessor. Thereafter, he shall be responsible for property of the Association, the collection of dues or other income of the Association, and for the payment, when authorized and directed so to do by the Association, through general or special action, of the indebtedness of the Association. The Treasurer shall provide a report of the property and finances of the Association for each regular meeting and an annual report which shall be subject to an audit by an Audit Committee consisting of two qualified members of the Association appointed by the President.

Section 7. - Secretary -- The Secretary shall, upon taking office, receive the completed minutes and historical records of the Association, and shall thereafter attend all regular and special meetings of the Association and maintain accurate notes of whatever business comes before the assembly from which he shall prepare official minutes of the proceeding for submission and approval at the next successive regular meeting of the Association. Upon the conclusion of his term of office, the Secretary shall be responsible for the completion of the official records and their tender to the incoming and succeeding Secretary.

ARTICLE III

The standing committees of the Association shall consist of the following:

(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of all officers as set forth in Article II, the delegates to the Federation of Citizens Associations and the Chairmen of the standing committees. It shall be authorized to act upon all ordinary business of the Association when the Association is not in

session, and upon urgent matters requiring action prior to any regular or special meeting of the Association.

(b) The Laws & Legislation Committee shall receive and consider all proposed actions of the Association involving the laws of the United States or of the District of Columbia, all ordinances or other public action of general interest, and after considering the same, shall report thereon and upon any such actions or modifications thereof, as may lie within the purposes of the Association and the interest of its membership.

(c) The Membership Committee. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to examine and certify for election to membership, the applications of all persons qualified for membership. The Membership Committee is also charged with the duty of securing full representation for the Association from among all persons qualified for membership. The Committee shall also assist the President in securing and maintaining useful programs for the meetings and activities of the Association.

(d) The Education and Recreation Committee. To this Committee shall be referred all matters relating to education and recreation facilities of interest to the citizens in the territory of the Association.

(e) The Tax and Budget Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for the study and initiation of action relating to taxation, assessment, and appropriations by the District of Columbia Government. The Committee may initiate such investigations and make such reports and recommend such action as may be required to fulfill its purposes.

(f) The Public Safety Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for the study and initiation of action relating to police and fire protection affecting the community. The Committee may initiate such investigations and make such reports and recommend such action as may be required to fulfill its purposes.

(g) The Zoning Committee. To this Committee shall be referred all matters pertaining to the preservation, harmonious and efficient use of the lands within the territory of the Association and adjacent thereto, affected by zoning legislation, regulations or ordinances and the enforcement thereof.

(h) The Traffic and Parking Committee. This Committee shall have responsibility for the study and initiation of programs necessary both to influence and control traffic and parking in our neighborhood. It shall recommend to the membership such actions as deemed appropriate based upon its investigations.

(i) The Municipal Services Committee. This Committee shall be charged with responsibility for the study and observation of services rendered by the District of Columbia Government, such as regular trash service, leaf and debris removal, and maintenance of the streets and sidewalks. In addition, it shall have responsibility over the Metro system as it affects our community. It shall make such studies and recommendations to the Association membership as deemed appropriate.

(j) The Summer Program Committee. This Committee shall be responsible to provide support and continuity in leadership for the summer program on the grounds of the Horace Mann School and representation before City officials for monetary and personnel support.

(k) The Environmental Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for observing and recommending appropriate action by the Association on matters of air quality and levels of noise in the community. It shall have the right to investigate problem areas, attend meetings on the subject and give its report to the membership.

(l) The Public Utilities Committee. This Committee will consider the rates of the telephone, gas and electric companies as they exist and as may be proposed from time to time. It shall conduct such studies as deemed appropriate and make recommendations to the Association for action.

(m) The Public Relations Committee. This Committee shall assume responsibility for projecting the image of the Association by providing information for public distribution as may be appropriate from time to time. This Committee will also work with the Membership Committee in efforts to increase the membership of the Association.

Each standing committee shall consider all matters referred to it within its jurisdiction. It may investigate, consider and make recommendations to the Association for action consistent with its duties and the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Any person of good moral character, more than eighteen years of age, who resides in the territory of the Association, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. The dues to be paid by members shall be established by the By-Laws of the Association, and no member shall be subject or liable for any financial obligation incurred by the Association in excess of his annual authorized dues.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. - Meetings -- The Association shall hold an annual meeting on such date in May as may be provided by the By-Laws and it shall meet quarterly during the calendar year as may be provided by the By-Laws, but not during the months of July or August or on a Sunday or national holiday. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President, and shall be called by him upon petition of not less than twenty members at any time throughout the year, but upon notice of not less than ten days to the membership. Meetings of regular and special committees shall be upon call of the President or of the Chairman of the Committee, with reasonable notice for attendance.

Section 2. Nominations and Elections -- A nominating committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the President. When possible, at least one member of the committee shall be a past president of the Association. The committee shall nominate one or more qualified candidates for each office of the Association. Any ten qualified members of the Association may, by written petition nominate an additional qualified member for an office. The nominating committee shall advise the membership in writing of its slate two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting together with all petitions received.

Elections shall occur at the Annual Meeting. The candidates for each office presented by the nominating committee shall be presented for election, together with any separate petitions.

ARTICLE VI

By-Laws. By-Laws of the Association may be adopted by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Association present at a meeting attended by a quorum of not less than twenty members and may be amended thereafter following ten days' notice in writing to the membership, including the text of proposed amendments, by a vote of three-quarters of the members present at the next succeeding meeting. No By-Law shall be adopted which is inconsistent with this Constitution or with the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments. This Constitution may be amended by the adoption of a draft of amendment by an affirmative three-fourths of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association or by the submission to any such regular meeting, of a petition of not less than fifteen members in good standing of the Association, to be followed by the submission on not less than ten days' notice in writing of such proposed constitutional amendment to the membership designating a date for meeting for consideration thereof, and the adoption of such amendment (together with any related and necessary amendment thereof) by an affirmative three-fourths vote of a quorum (20 members) of the Association at such called regular meetings.

ARTICLE VIII

The term of this Association shall be perpetual.