

**Community Assembly of Spokane Neighborhood Councils
Liaison Committee
Policies and Procedures January 2021**

A. Committee Charge

Maintain the city-established positions on advisory boards and commissions related to the Community Assembly.

B. Functions

The committee will (1) keep up to date a profile of basic information for each liaison and representative board and commission membership position related to the Community Assembly, including a position-specific statement of duties and responsibilities; (2) manage and recommend as necessary liaison and representative member appointments and reappointments according to term limit provisions; (3) engage in periodic evaluations of liaison and representative activities; and (4) monitor their timely reporting to the Community Assembly.

C. Membership

The committee operates with a minimum of three individuals who are members of different neighborhood councils.

D. Meetings

The committee meets as needed to accomplish its functions at the call of the chair, of two of its members, or at the direction of the Administrative Committee by its chair. For the convening of a meeting, a quorum is a majority of members.

E. Officers and Terms

The committee will operate with a chair and secretary or, in the absence of a secretary, with a chair who agrees to prepare agendas, provide meeting notices and submit a meeting report to the Community Assembly after every committee meeting. The committee does not operate unless one member agrees to the duties of committee chair. The chair and secretary responsibilities are calendar year commitments, ordinarily agreed to toward the end of the calendar year for the succeeding twelve-month period.

F. Decisions

For matters requiring a decision at a meeting convened with notice and a quorum being present, the committee will make its determination by the consensus of members or by agreement without objection.

Unanimity on the matter not being apparent, a motion shall be brought before the committee, seconded and a vote shall be conducted with each member having one vote.

Members absent from the meeting shall be polled by the chair with an immediate phone call or by email posted on the day of the meeting by the chair or her/his designee. Votes shall be tallied by the chair five days after the date of the meeting at which a motion is submitted for a vote. If there are more "ayes" than "nays" the motion is agreed to.

G. Selection Standards

Selections for nomination by the Community Assembly to liaison and membership positions allocated to the Community Assembly by city code will be neighborhood council members who are qualified for the positions and acknowledge the responsibilities the positions entail.

H. Records and Reporting

The committee will keep twelve-month liaison attendance records.

The committee will keep separate records of liaison interviews and report in the minutes the matters discussed only in general and without personal details.

The committee's liaison attendance and interview records may be used to support a recommendation to the Community Assembly for the withdrawal of the nomination of a liaison to their position.

I. Withdrawal of Nomination

The committee may from time to time recommend the Community Assembly withdraw the nomination of a liaison for cause.

Examples of grounds for removal are demonstrated non-fulfillment of the terms of the liaison's Affirmation of Responsibilities, absence from Community Assembly or board/commission meetings for three (3) consecutive meetings or six (6) regularly scheduled meetings in any twelve-month period without being excused, unresolved conflicts of interest, or other inappropriate actions as determined by the Community Assembly.

Note: Adopted by the Liaison Committee at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on January 12, 2021 and accepted by the Community Assembly at its meeting on May 6, 2021.