

North Park Planning Committee will hold a Board Election in March. The City has provided a 58-page memo with guidance that includes advice to avoid in-person voting due to health and safety concerns, and with their acknowledgment that planning committee bylaws cannot be strictly followed. The NPPC Elections Subcommittee put significant effort into following the spirit of our bylaws wherever feasible. We propose the following practical accommodations to hold our first ever digital election during the ongoing pandemic:

1. All 15 board seats are up for election (due to the 2020 election having been canceled).
 - a. We will be filling eight (8) one-year seats, and seven (7) two-year seats.
 - b. Incumbents who are re-elected will be placed in seats with appropriate durations (i.e., someone who was up for election in 2020 will be placed in a one-year seat and someone up for election in 2021 will be in a two-year seat).
 - c. Remaining seats 2-year seats and then 1-year seats will be filled by remaining candidates with most-to-least votes.
2. Voter and candidate eligibility requirements are detailed in the Voting Requirements document, here. The only change to a standard election is that we've extended the sign-in period from one year to two – so you must have signed into a meeting between March 2019 and February 2021.
3. Voting will take place online via Opavote or another online ballot application.
 - a. In order to comply with City guidance, we request that all individuals who can vote online do so.
 - b. Eligible voters with technology limitations or who require accommodations, must contact Vicki Granowitz at 619-884-0008. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide, collect and count paper ballots from these individuals. The receipt of completed paper ballots must be coordinated with the Election Subcommittee, and completed ballots received prior to 6:30 pm on Election Day.
4. The NPPC must establish eligibility for each individual voter PRIOR to election day. To do this, NPPC will send an email to everyone with a registration form on-file, to test registrants' email addresses. All NPPC registrants should receive this email from elections@northparkplanning.org on February 15th. If you did not receive, please notify us as soon as possible at that email.
 - a. The NPPC email will contain instructions for providing proof of residency or business ownership in North Park. **This proof of residence or business ownership must be received absolutely no later than 11:59 pm on March 11, 2021.**
 - b. Per the City's guidance, voters must "demonstrate their eligibility by providing a copy of a valid driver's license that has a current [North Park] address [...] proof of address with a copy of the first page from a current utility, tax, mortgage bill, or rental/lease agreement with the person's name and address on it, or another type of official documentation sufficient to determine eligibility as a community member per the CPG's bylaws. **All confidential information should be blacked out.**"
5. Candidates must announce their intention to run by 11:59 pm on March 9th.

6. Candidate statements will be hosted on the NPPC website starting one week prior to the election (these may be 2 minute video or 200-word written statements, at the candidate’s discretion).
7. Digital ballots will be emailed on March 12th (the same day that paper ballots are distributed). Votes must be submitted by 6:30 pm on March 16th (Election Day). As is our typical process election results will be announced on March 16th, during the NPPC Board Meeting.
8. NPPC will hold space in a Zoom call from 6-6:30 pm on March 16th, prior to the start of the regularly scheduled NPPC Board Meeting. We will have a shared screen up, showing the link to the candidate statements and online voting basics (as well as an “emergency” contact for those who have questions or technical issues).
9. As is our typical process, vote counts will be made public by documenting them in the March minutes. If a run-off for the final seat is required, it will be resolved by (for discussion by the Board:
 - a. Placing the two candidates into the randomizer, or
 - b. A run-off vote conducted by the Board at the April meeting, or
 - c. A run-off vote conducted by general public at the April meeting)

#	Name of Incumbent if Running for Reelection	Term End	Seat Term Length
1	Aria Pounaki (2019)	2021	2 year term
2	Jen Spencer (2019)	2021	2 year term
3	Steve Billings (2018)	2021	2 year term
4	Arash Kahvazadeh (2019)	2021	2 year term
5	Matt Stucky (2019)	2021	2 year term
6	Marissa Tucker (2019)	2020	1 year term
7	N/A	2020	1 year term
8	N/A	2020	1 year term
9	N/A	2020	1 year term
10	N/A	2020	1 year term
11	N/A	2020	1 year term
12	N/A	2020	1 year term
13	N/A	2021	2 year term
14	N/A	2021	2 year term
15	N/A	2020	2 year term