



Bluff Park Neighborhood Association

Policy for Filming, Photography, Handouts & Decorum at Community Meetings

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The Bluff Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA) retains the right to determine access to its Community Meetings and other meetings it holds for the benefit of those who live, rent, and own in the Bluff Park Historic District. These meetings are collectively referred to here in this policy as Community Meetings and this policy is meant to help create an orderly, respectful, welcoming, safe, and educational environment for everyone.

The BPNA, under its Board governance, determines how its Community Meetings will be used for filming, photography, and distribution of handouts, and expects that all persons act respectfully towards each other, including when speaking, writing, and communicating in verbal and nonverbal manners.

This policy outlines who may or may not film, photograph and/or distribute handouts and outlines guidelines for respectful decorum at Community Meetings.

Filming, Photography, and Handouts

Groups or individuals that wish to film, photograph, or distribute handouts at Community Meetings should inform the BPNA of their intent no less than 2 weeks in advance by contacting in writing the President, Vice President of Communications, or Vice President of Events & Fundraising. The BPNA Board will consider approvals and exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis and retains the right to prohibit filming, photography, and distribution of handouts at its discretion. This policy might be further subject to the filming and photography policies of the venues in which the BPNA holds its Community Meetings. The BPNA reserves the right to ask that photographs, video, or other images posted online or on social media be removed as the BPNA deems appropriate. Prior approval from the BPNA shall not constitute nor imply future approval.

Commercial Filmmakers and Photographers

The BPNA does not allow people or businesses to film, photograph, or distribute handouts or other promotional materials at its Community Meetings and use that media for promotional, marketing, commercial, advocacy or similar purposes, including online or digital platforms, aimed at making money or benefiting through advertising, sales, lead generation or other means.

Political, Documentary and Advocacy Work

The BPNA does not allow individuals, groups or political candidates to film, photograph, or distribute handouts at its Community Meetings and does not allow use of photographs or video taken at Community Meetings for political campaign or advocacy purposes. Groups or individuals may not film or photograph at Community Meetings for documentary purposes.

Personal Use

Individuals may film or take photographs for personal use that are unobtrusive and do not interrupt or disturb the Community Meetings or those present.

Journalists

News organizations are generally permitted to film and take photographs during Community Meetings, but they must get approval from the BPNA in advance as noted above. News reporters and news photographers must have media credentials to identify themselves and are expected to follow journalist codes of conduct and ethics.

BPNA Officers

Filming, photography, and handout distribution by BPNA Board Officers and their designees, with Board approval and done on behalf of or for the purposes of serving the needs of the BPNA, may be approved in advance of the meeting as noted above.

Respectful Decorum

Public discourse is encouraged at Community Meetings to promote understanding and should be treated as an opportunity to grow and learn. Spoken, written, and nonverbal comments and interactions should be constructive, not disruptive. Participants should not act, speak, or write in a way that may be perceived as bullying, abusive, threatening, discriminatory, or derogatory. All cellular phones, pagers, and other noise-making devices should be silenced or taken outside of the meeting space. Participants should respect, encourage, and listen to others' contributions. Participants should not interrupt, distract, or dominate the conversation or designated speaker and should refrain from side or extraneous conversations.

Outcomes

The BPNA reserves the right that a BPNA Board Officer may ask a person not complying with any aspect of this Policy to leave the meeting immediately and peaceably or, in the case of an online venue, to be removed into another virtual room. A person excluded or removed will be allowed to return only if they agree to comply. In the case of a second infringement, the BPNA may act, based on a vote of the Board considering the severity of the situation, in a manner up to and including prohibiting the person from attending future Community Meetings.

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