

BEACON HILL CIVIL ASSOCIATION, INC.

PROPOSED BY LAW AMENDMENT

Late last year, because of some confusion that arose at the annual meeting regarding voting rights, Rob Whitney and Steve Young met to discuss what needed to be done under the BHCA's by-laws to clarify who is entitled to vote at a meeting of members. They determined that the first step was for the board to vote to separate a "Family" membership from the "Individual/Family" membership category. That was done by the board at its March 12, 2012 meeting. Next, proposed language of a rather straight forward amendment to the by-laws was, discussed at the executive committee, circulated for comment to the members of the 2010 by-law committee and then presented to and approved by the board of directors at its April 9, 2012 meeting.

The by-law amendment that will clarify the voting rights issue involves the striking of one provision and the insertion of a new provision in the by-laws. The two by-law pages containing the Articles that will be impacted are attached to this proposal and show the proposed changes. The provision to be stricken, Article II section 4, appears to only impact the right to vote at meetings of members under Article III, and limits the right to vote to one vote per membership unit, whether an individual or a couple is involved. By striking that provision and then adding a new section 2 to Article III itself, which deals with meetings of members, the rights of spouses/domestic partners to each vote will be clarified. Those changes are shown on the attachment.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting of members to be held May 21, 2012, includes consideration of and voting on an amendment to the by-laws of the Association. The purpose of the amendment is to clarify that both spouses/domestic-partners in non-individual membership categories are entitled to vote at meetings of "members." An explanation of the change and the specific by-law changes are available at the Association's office at 74 Joy Street or on the web at www.bhcivic.org.