

W.E.C.A.R.E. Constitution

(West Elkton Community Action Revitalization Effort)

Preamble

We, the members of the W.E.C.A.R.E. (West Elkton Community Action Revitalization Effort) , in order to foster a more beautiful, vibrant, and sustainable community within West Elkton, establish this Constitution to guide our actions and uphold our commitment to the improvement, maintenance, and enhancement of our village.

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be W.E.C.A.R.E. (West Elkton Community Action Revitalization Effort).

Section 2. The purpose of W.E.C.A.R.E. is to assist in maintaining, improving, and beautifying both public and private properties within West Elkton to enhance the community environment, thereby contributing to the quality of life of all residents and visitors.

Article II: Steering Team

Section 1. The Steering Team of W.E.C.A.R.E. shall consist of three members: Andrew Forrer, Sean Leary, and Bill Crawford.

Section 2. The Steering Team members were voted in by the majority present at the founding meeting and shall serve in their roles until a decision is made by the general membership to replace them or they choose to step down.

Section 3. The Steering Team shall oversee the operations of W.E.C.A.R.E., set the strategic direction, and make decisions in the best interest of the organization.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership in W.E.C.A.R.E. is open to anyone with connections to the community or the desire to improve the West Elkton Community.

Section 3. Notice of all meetings shall be given to all members at least one week in advance, unless emergency circumstances require otherwise.

Article IV: Founder

Section 1. The founder of W.E.C.A.R.E. is Bill Crawford, who initiated the organization's establishment and serves as a guiding figure and mentor for the group.

Article V: Activities and Assistance

Section 1. W.E.C.A.R.E. shall offer assistance in maintaining, improving, and beautifying both public and private properties within West Elkton.

Section 2. The organization may engage in various activities, projects, and initiatives that align with its purpose and benefit the community, including but not limited to clean-up days, planting trees, and renovating public spaces.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held at least quarterly or as deemed necessary by the Steering Team.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by any member of the Steering Team or upon written request by at least one-third of the members.

Section 3. Notice of all meetings shall be given to all members at least one week in advance, unless emergency circumstances require otherwise.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended when necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of Section 2. All members of W.E.C.A.R.E. shall serve as volunteers and shall not receive any monetary compensation for their services, but they shall be the heart of the organization and its efforts.

Article VIII: Funding

Section 1. W.E.C.A.R.E. shall be funded through donations, grants, fundraisers, and any other lawful means of generating revenue to support its mission.

Section 2. All funds raised by or donated to W.E.C.A.R.E. shall be used in accordance with the organization's purpose and in a manner that benefits the West Elkton Community.

Article IX: Treasurer

Section 1. The Treasurer of W.E.C.A.R.E. shall be an active member: currently: Marilyn Crawford.

Section 2. The Treasurer will be voted in by the majority of Steering Team members and shall serve in their role until a decision is made by the Steering Team to replace them or they choose to step down.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall oversee the finances of W.E.C.A.R.E., maintain a balanced budget, and make financial decisions in the best interest of the organization.

Section 4. The Treasurer and two Steering Team members: Marilyn Crawford, Andrew Forrer, and Bill Crawford, shall be signatories on the established W.E.C.A.R.E. bank accounts.

Article X: Dissolution

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of W.E.C.A.R.E., assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article XI: Adoption

This Constitution was adopted on 30th day of September, 2023 by a majority vote of the members present at the founding meeting of W.E.C.A.R.E. and shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Certification

I hereby certify that the above text is the Constitution of the W.E.C.A.R.E. (West Elkton Community Action Revitalization Effort) adopted by the members on the date specified herein.

Bill Crawford

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