

Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District and Lake Barcroft Association

Joint WID/LBA Process for the Nomination of New WID Trustees

Background:

In the past, the WID Trustees have selected new trustees. Although by law the appointment is made by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVS&WCD), that body has always ratified the selection WID presented to them.

In the interest of establishing a trustee selection process that is more inclusive of the entire Lake Barcroft community, a new process herein described has been adopted. The intention is to continue the appointment of qualified trustees, meeting the requirements of law while including input from the broad community of Lake Barcroft residents.

The law requires trustees to be owners of property within WID, which is geographically the same as the Lake Barcroft community and its association, LBA. Because the community elects the LBA Board of Directors, it is appropriate for the LBA Board to represent the voice of the broad Lake Barcroft community in nominating WID trustees, acting jointly with representatives of the WID.

Trustee Nomination Process:

1. When a WID Trustee vacancy exists or is imminent, WID and LBA shall appoint a trustee nominating committee (committee) to advance a single name to NVS&WCD as the nominee of the Lake Barcroft community to fill the vacancy.
2. The committee shall form within three weeks of the vacancy or notice to resign. Once established, it shall complete its work within 90 days.
3. The committee shall consist of four members, two selected by WID Trustees and two by LBA using the applicable resolution approval process for each.
4. The trustee who has resigned or announced his/her intention to resign and has created the need for the committee may not sit on the committee. However, the committee may call upon said trustee for advice and counsel during its deliberations.
5. The committee, with the advice of WID trustees, shall establish appropriate qualifications and credentials of a new WID trustee to use in selecting a nominee. The committee is not bound by previously established criteria, although it should take them into account. (By law, a trustee must be a property owner within WID's boundaries.)
6. The committee shall announce a search for a trustee to the Lake Barcroft community and shall solicit qualified applicants from the community. At a minimum, announcements should appear in both the LBA newsletter and on the community's LakeLink computer bulletin board as early as possible and contain a general description of the qualifications sought.
7. Selection of a final nominee by committee members shall be by a majority vote. Upon selection, the approved nominee shall be advanced by the WID to NVS&WCD as a joint recommendation of the WID and the LBA.
8. The term of a WID trustee shall be five years. Continuation of service shall require the full nomination process recommended herein for filling a trustee vacancy at the end of each five-year period.
9. WID trustees are encouraged to announce any intention to resign at least 60 days prior to their intended effective date to give WID and LBA adequate time to implement the nomination process.

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