# The Community Lawbook

## Section 1: The Community Meeting

### Purpose

To ensure that members of all ages have a voice in decisions that shape our community, The Commons will be governed by a democratic meeting.

### Voting Criteria

Each member will have a vote at community meetings. Members are defined as any individual (including all children and up to 2 parents/guardians) of a household whose membership is current.

### Proposed Structure

1. **Regular Community Meeting**
   * **Time**: Meetings will follow a consistent weekly schedule, with the next meeting’s date announced at each meeting and shared on Slack and The Commons billboard.
   * **Attendance**: Open to all members. Attendance is encouraged but not mandatory.
   * **Agenda**: Members can submit agenda items via web form or on The Commons billboard by 3 days prior to the meeting.
   * **Communication**: The finalized agenda will be shared via Slack and posted on The Commons billboard 2 days before the meeting.
2. **Roles**
   * Roles are selected every quarter at the Community Meeting by nomination and simple majority vote of present membership.
   * **Chairperson**: Facilitates the meeting to ensure everyone has a chance to speak, discussions remain focused, and decisions stay on track.
   * **Vice Chairperson**: Assumes the Chairperson’s responsibilities in their absence.
   * **Secretary**: Keeps records of decisions, proposals, and tasks, maintains the Community Lawbook, and communicates meeting outcomes to members.
3. **Judicial Role of the Community Meeting**
   * **Community Lawbook**:
     + The Secretary will maintain an up-to-date Lawbook that documents all approved rules, policies, and amendments.
     + Amendments must be submitted as agenda items and require a 2/3 majority vote to pass.
   * **Conflict Resolution**:
     + Members may bring disputes or grievances for discussion and resolution.
     + Resolutions will prioritize fairness, respect, and alignment with community values.
   * **Quorum for Judicial Decisions**:
     + Judicial matters, such as amending the Lawbook or resolving disputes, require a quorum of 50% of membership to ensure decisions reflect the community’s voice.
   * **Transparency and Accountability**:
     + All judicial decisions will be recorded in meeting minutes.
     + The Lawbook will be accessible to all members for review.
4. **Agenda Structure**
   * **Call to Order**: Review the previous meeting’s minutes and action items.
   * **Judicial Matters**: Address disputes, rule amendments, or additions to the Lawbook.
   * **New Proposals**: Discuss new items submitted by members, such as policy changes, purchases, or events.
   * **Discussion**: Facilitate open discussion of proposals and any previously tabled items.
   * **Voting**: Conduct votes based on a simple majority unless a higher threshold (e.g., 2/3 majority for judicial matters) is required.
   * **Closing Items**: Assign follow-up tasks, confirm the next meeting time, and adjourn.

### Processes

1. **Submitting Agenda Items**
   * Members can submit agenda items via web form or on The Commons billboard by 3 days prior to the meeting.
2. **Making Proposals**
   * Proposals must include:
     + The issue or idea (e.g., planning a trip, organizing an event).
     + Possible solutions or options for consideration.
     + Rationale explaining why the proposal benefits The Commons.
3. **Decision-Making**
   * All attending members have equal voting power.
   * Items requiring additional information or deliberation may be tabled for future meetings.
4. **Follow-Up**
   * Assign tasks to specific members or committees to ensure decisions are implemented.
   * Review completed tasks and unresolved items at the next meeting.