

The Proposed 2021 TBLC Bylaws Compared to the 1982 TBLC Resolution

The TBLC bylaws were recently reviewed by the full Committee. The new proposed bylaws incorporate a complete and comprehensive overhaul of the original resolution. It should be reviewed in its entirety as a standalone document.

The following is a summary of the changes that have been incorporated into the reworked TBLC bylaws.

1. The document contains a well-defined **vision** for the committee followed by a clear set of objectives that explicitly spells out the TBLC's mission and its obligation to work in concert with the Town's EDO. These sections were not in the 1982 resolution.
2. The rewrite proposes changing the membership of the TBLC to up to nine voting members who serve two-year terms and a maximum of eight consecutive years, and it more clearly spells out the qualifications for membership. The 1982 Resolution says only that there should be seven members of the Committee. The TBLC members feel that increasing the number of businesses provides a broader representation of the Town's business community.
3. The new bylaws call for up to two members to represent the Town's residents. The 1982 resolution called for three resident members. The Committee feels that two residents provide adequate representation on the Committee.
4. The new bylaws call for the election of a chair and vice-chair. The 1982 Resolution says only that the committee shall elect yearly from its membership a chairman.
5. The new bylaws designate the Executive Director/President of the Vienna Business Association and a representative from the Town's Economic Development Division as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the TBLC. These appointments are not included in the 1982 Resolution.
6. The new bylaws spell out in some detail the responsibilities of TBLC members, and it contains an attachment that clearly spells out the policy on virtual participation at meetings. The 1982 Resolution is silent on this issue.
7. The new bylaws call for 10 meetings a year – once a month except for July and August. The 1982 Resolution is silent on this issue.
8. The new bylaws call for an annual report to be given to the TC during the annual budget process, and for the charter to be reviewed every two years. The 1982 Resolution is silent on these issues.

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