



Organizing a Neighborhood Group

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A neighborhood is a community built by a group of people who strongly believe in the same goal: a safe and clean place to live. A neighborhood acts as a support system that enables such community to emerge. In order to learn about and address the concerns and issues that a neighborhood has, a Neighborhood Group is formed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ What are your needs as a group?
- ◆ Strengths (people, resources, etc)
- ◆ Weaknesses
- ◆ What kind of guidance or help would you like the City of Escondido to provide to your community? Active/Passive

NEIGHBORHOOD'S RESOURCES

- ◆ Availability of a home computer for the production of a neighborhood newsletter or publication. (optional)
- ◆ Availability of convenient meeting space, home, city meeting room, community space

MINIMUM CRITERIA

- ◆ Geographic boundaries must be set for the neighborhood group
- ◆ Membership in the association should be open to all residents and property owners of the neighborhood
- ◆ Majority of residents consent to form a group.
- ◆ Willing leaders
- ◆ At least 3 board members

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

- ◆ Evaluate your neighborhood, safety, crime, violations of city ordinances, vandalism, graffiti, noise, decaying infrastructure, street lighting, traffic congestion, parking
- ◆ Identify problems and suggest possible solutions
- ◆ What would you like to see change? Goals for the group
- ◆ Size
- ◆ Choosing a name
- ◆ Asset mapping

BENEFITS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

- ◆ Opportunities
- ◆ Improvement of Neighborhood
- ◆ Neighborhood Leadership Forum— independent opportunities of leadership training classes
- ◆ Improve communication with neighborhood residents and with the City
- ◆ Give the residents a voice in development decisions about their neighborhood

“Neighbors Create Neighborhoods”



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