

How-To-Suggestions – Neighborhood Plan

A neighborhood plan will help your neighborhood association make decision and take action. First, conduct a neighborhood inventory. An inventory is a collection of facts about the neighborhood including information on residents, types of homes, area businesses, churches and schools.

After gathering your inventory of the neighborhood, identify a few problems, concerns or desires. (Problems can be identified by hosting a meeting where neighbors can share concerns) Problems and concerns typically addressed by neighborhood associations may include crime, physical improvements, traffic, street lights, preserving unique features of the neighborhood, zoning concerns or meet and greet for neighbors. The plan should include:

- The reason the association was formed
- The principals that will guide the association and its work
- When and how often the members will meet
- How meetings will be conducted
- The goals and outcomes of the neighborhood association
- An action plan for accomplishing the goals set by the neighborhood association

Putting your plan down on paper helps focus the emerging association on things that are important.

A new neighborhood plan should be reviewed and revised at least every 2 years.