

Best Practices for Associations

Create clear objectives:

- ▶ Define a collective vision and mission for your neighborhood
- ▶ Involve all stakeholders when setting goals
- ▶ Determine community projects to take on to meet your goals
- ▶ Include timelines for projects and goals
- ▶ Identify who is responsible for follow-up work

Stay true to bylaws and policies:

- ▶ Enforce policies equally
- ▶ Make policies available to all

Host efficient and productive meetings:

- ▶ Follow an agenda
- ▶ Start and end on time
- ▶ Include timeframes for each agenda item

Lead with open communication:

- ▶ Use social media and email
- ▶ Find ways to communicate with those who do not have or use digital technology
- ▶ Encourage open communication between the board and members

Have a transparent and healthy budget:

- ▶ All members should be able to see and weigh in on finances

Keep members engaged and invested:

- ▶ Foster inclusivity and a sense of unity
- ▶ Be friendly and approachable
- ▶ Create space to foster solutions
- ▶ Celebrate accomplishments
- ▶ Share the results of your work

Who should be part of the association?

- ▶ Businesses
- ▶ Faith-based organizations
- ▶ Homeowners
- ▶ Renters
- ▶ Schools