

Neighborhood Advisory Committee (N.A.C.)
Strengthen neighborhood organizational development
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N.A.C. is set up to be a resource for neighborhoods. We can help fill your neighborhood toolbox with ideas, provide examples, & facilitate communication between neighborhoods or with the City. N.A.C. can assist, but the neighborhoods are the cultural creatives for their community. You know your neighborhood best!

How do we create strong and thriving neighborhoods? What comes to mind when you think 'let's organize our neighborhood?' What does 'organized' even mean? It can mean different things to different people.

- **Formal Structure** - examples: ByLaws :: Articles of Incorporation :: Non-Profit Status :: Board :: Committees :: Communication system :: Specified geographic boundaries. :: These create the organization framework.
- **Informal Structure** - examples: Who seems to know what has happened to whom in the neighborhood? :: Where is the neighborhood pulse? Who are the livewires? :: Who are the residents that show up at events/activities? :: Does the neighborhood have a level of energy? :: Who lives in the neighborhood :: What do the residents say is important to the community? Does leadership know? :: This creates the vibe or energy for the organization.
- **Communication:** What method(s) are used to communicate? How is the organization visible to the residents? Some possibilities could include:
Email system :: Front Porch, Next Door or similar type systems :: Safety/Crime & Lost/Found pet notices :: Facebook :: Door to door delivery :: Telephone Tree :: Signs in Neighborhood :: Newsletter ::

Resources available to neighborhoods:

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3. Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods (CAN): VP: Alan Escovitz; aescovitz@charter.net
4. COA website: <http://www.ashevillenc.gov/>

Some ideas for neighborhood consideration:

1. Reach out to work/collaborate w/neighborhoods.
 - a. NAC can assist to 'introduce' neighborhoods to each other, or
 - b. Provide neighborhood contact info to interested parties
2. Develop of list of emergency responders in community.
 - a. Could develop a resource of Street Reps. or Captains,
 - b. APD CRO's are a great resource for neighborhoods – let's use them!
3. Make a deliberate effort to identify New Neighbors moving into the community.
 - a. Deliver cookies,
 - b. Distribute a copy of newsletter or other community info,
 - c. Collect best contact info
4. Encourage families to participate in community/neighborhood process by:
 - a. Providing a youth corner at meetings
 - b. Finding ways to engage young folks in process (maybe they could deliver hard copy newsletters or material to non-computer users)
 - c. Plan community events & celebrations: ie. Report Card Day
 - d. Consider bringing food to meetings. Food brings people, makes connections.