

Neighborhood Advisory Commission



City of Cumberland

November 4, 2004

<http://www.Adventuregovernment.com>

Current Neighborhood Associations

- South End Business and Civic Association
- CRIMA
- Chapel Hill West
- Decatur Street
- Columbia Street
- Mapleside
- Envision Virginia Avenue
- West Side Coalition of Active Neighbors
- Downtown Business Association
- North End Crime Watch



Neighborhood Association Activities

- Neighborhood Associations
 - Crime watch
 - Neighborhood cleanups
 - Regular meetings to discuss neighborhood issues
 - Participate in community design, program development, grantswriting
 - Organize neighborhood block parties, flea markets, carnivals



Rationale of Neighborhood Advisory Commission

- Rationale
 - Increase access and improve flow of information between groups and departments of the city
 - By bringing Neighborhood Associations together can identify common problems and work toward common solutions
 - Such meetings can have an educational benefit for newer organizations
 - An commission may cultivate additional Neighborhood Associations and help "fill in the grid."



Functions of Neighborhood Advisory Commission

- Review proposals and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council and City Departments regarding programs that can improve neighborhoods and prevent the decline of neighborhoods.
- Assist in the creation of neighborhood associations in areas of the city where no active associations exists.
- Foster the development of neighborhood actions plans.
- Identify sources of public and private funds for neighborhood revitalization activities.
- Identify improvements in infrastructure, municipal services, and code enforcement that might enhance neighborhood revitalization.
- Assist the Mayor and City Council in dissemination of news and information of benefits in neighborhoods through the City.
- Recommend criteria for use in the Community Betterment Program.
- Review the Consolidated Plan, Housing Code, and Comprehensive Plan for consistency with neighborhood association goals and objectives.
- Establish special task forces as needed to study particular issues and recommend specific actions to the commission.

Composition and Rules

- One member from each Neighborhood Association selected by Neighborhood Association
- 3 year term
- Must be a resident, property owner, own a business, or work in the City
- Ex-officio member from M&CC
- Commission will meet as often as it chooses



Recognition and City Responsibilities

- Registration for official recognition
 - Hold annual meetings at least once per year open to the entire membership and public, at which all members may vote
 - Boundaries can overlap
 - Organization cannot be City-wide
- City responsibilities
 - Ex-officio city member attends meetings
 - Informs registered associations of upcoming agenda items that impact their neighborhoods
 - Maintains and distributes maps with boundaries and Neighborhood Association contact information

