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Neighborhood Association
Solutions

Neighborhood associations are the building blocks of the larger community, and one of the most effective ways for citizens to have their voices heard, contain crime, improve infrastructure, and enhance quality of life. The purpose of this “solutions manual” is to provide information and tools to help neighborhoods organize and advocate for their wellbeing.

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Starting and Managing a Neighborhood Association

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Although it would be nice if people formed groups just on the basis of wanting to better their neighborhood, it often doesn't work that way. Most of us respond to issues; and it is sometimes hard to attract anyone to an initial meeting that has no issue or major concern. The important thing is to turn issues into a positive plan of action.

How to Begin

Once you have an issue that people can rally around, it is time to start talking about it. Get a few interested neighbors together for a meeting in someone's home. Here is a tentative agenda:

- Discuss each person's idea of the problems, opportunities and needs of the neighborhood.
- Determine the boundaries of your neighborhood.
- Choose a temporary chairperson.
- Plan a larger meeting to announce the formation of your group to everyone within the neighborhood boundaries.

It is helpful to have this first planning meeting in order to "get a handle on" the group's direction. Quite often a group will start out with a large meeting that has no direction, no chairperson, and no agenda other than a discussion of the issue. The resulting confusion from such a meeting can be frustrating to the initiators, alienating to potential members, and wasteful of a lot of good energy.

The First Large Meeting

Once you have a core group together, start planning your first large meeting. Here are some tips:

- Arrange for the use of a church basement, school, or community center within your area. If you have a choice, choose a room that is a bit too small for the crowd you are expecting. A group of 50 can get lost in a room meant for 200; whereas, that same group in a room meant for 40 will feel a greater sense of unity and closeness (although it might get a bit stuffy).
- Prepare a colorful flyer that states the time, place, date, and purpose of the meeting. Get the flyers made at a quick-copy printer. If there is such a place in the neighborhood, ask if they will donate the printing. If not, the core group can bear this first cost (after all, it's a worthy cause).

NOTE: Schedule the meeting during the early evening and make arrangements to transport seniors.

- The core group should personally distribute flyers throughout the neighborhood. Be prepared to do a lot of talking. Check with the principal of the elementary school in your area about sending flyers home with children. Don't forget to include merchants, clergy ministers and others who work in your neighborhood.
- At this first meeting, it will help if special attention is given to the setup of chairs, etc. Since it is possible that many people will need to get acquainted, make it easy for them by arranging the chairs so that people have to look at each other. Post a map of the neighborhood with the areas of concern clearly marked (maps are available from the City Planning Office for a small fee). Have coffee or other light refreshments available and allow time for mingling. Use a flip chart or other paper taped to a wall to write down people's ideas.
- Follow a prepared agenda and give everyone a chance to speak. If there are several issues, vote to prioritize them. Obviously, some of the problems can be solved immediately while others will require months and maybe years of effort. It is best to have a steady stream of small projects to make the group feel successful as well as one or two big issues.
- End the meeting by giving committee assignments to develop the projects identified. If the tone of the meeting has been sincere and enthusiastic, you will have ample volunteers. Follow up by drafting your neighborhood association plan of action showing your group's goals, projects to achieve the goals, committees and timetable to work on the projects. Plan to present your draft in a later meeting for review by the group.

Bylaws

Bylaws are simply general rules governing a group. They should include the name and purpose of the group, description of members, terms of officers, dues, meetings, and a provision for amendments. (See **Appendix I.**)

Incorporation

Incorporation as a non-profit organization helps define a group and contributes to its credibility as a viable, working body of interested people. It also protects the liability of group members. In the state of Mississippi, the cost for filing non-profit incorporation is \$50. For incorporation papers, contact the Secretary of State, 202 North Congress Street, Post Office Box 136, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 (601) 359-1133.

Tax Exempt Status

The tax exempt status is often confused with incorporation. A group usually must be incorporated at the state level before it can apply for tax exemption from the federal government, Internal Revenue Service. This status allows contributors to deduct their contribution from their income tax. An application may be obtained from your local IRS office. In Mississippi, the telephone number is 1-800-829-1040 and the address is IRS, Room 101, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39201. The filing fee is \$300 which must accompany the application. The application process takes about six months to complete.

Legal Assistance

The ideal way to obtain legal assistance is to locate an attorney who lives within your area and hopefully is also a part of the group. They may be willing to donate some or all of their time when assisting the group. If this is not possible, contact a local law firm about providing some assistance, either free or at discount rates.

Volunteers

The most successful groups are thoughtful of their volunteers with recognition, an occasional social gathering, and many words of thanks to let everyone know that they are needed and appreciated. Failing to let people know you appreciate their help is the surest way to lose their interest.

On this same subject, try not to let one or two persons shoulder all of the responsibility for the group. For someone who knows the issues, is eager, and has a lot of free time, the temptation to “do it all” is overwhelming. When that happens, you cease to be a group and become a couple of overworked people who call themselves a group. Spread the work around and you’ll reap the benefits of an involved, interested group of people.

Meetings

Many a group has lost valuable momentum because of poor meetings. With a little thought and some attention to detail, your meetings can be effective. First of all, why are you meeting? It isn't always necessary to call a full group meeting to make minor decisions; for that, you should use your executive committee. Most groups meet once a month unless something important requires an additional meeting.

Plan your agenda before the meeting and post it in the meeting room. A sample agenda might read like this:

- I. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- II. Correspondence
- III. Committee Report
- IV. New Projects
- V. Announcements
- VI. Adjournment

If you have a regular meeting scheduled but don't really have anything to discuss, then create something. Invite a guest speaker, take a neighborhood tour or have a potluck. It is good for groups to make contact on a regular basis, and it is sometimes necessary to reaffirm your group cohesiveness.

Arrange the meeting room in such a way that it encourages people to talk. Set chairs in a semi- or full circle so that everyone can be seen. Avoid the "classroom meeting" where everyone sits in stiff little rows facing the speaker. Do away with tables unless you need them to hold drawings or literature; they can form barriers to communication. An exception would be sitting everyone around a large table; especially if you need to write.

Hold the meeting in an appropriately-sized room. A lot of energy can be lost by putting thirty folks in a room meant for two hundred. If substantially fewer people show up than you expected and you are in a large room, just use one corner. All of this moving around and rearranging might seem silly, but the experience of neighborhood organizers has shown that it does make a difference.

If a group is comfortable using Robert's Rules of Order, by all means use it (condensed revisions can be found at most libraries). If a group is not comfortable or feels inhibited by Robert's Rules of Order, a special effort should be made to ensure that a vote truly represents the will of the group. Keep meetings orderly and democratic. Allow plenty of debate on important issues, but don't be afraid to set time limits.

Finally, try to end each meeting with some concrete action. Have a list of things to be done and try to involve as many members as possible to do them.

Newsletter

Many groups do quite well without ever having a newsletter. It is a good project, though, and can increase a group's visibility far beyond its boundaries. Advertisements placed by neighborhood merchants and residents can help pay for production of a newsletter are as follows:

Form a committee and designate an editor. The editor writes articles, corrects article submitted by others and sets deadlines. The rest of the committee should assist with typing, soliciting, advertising and arranging for printing.

A good newsletter might contain the following:

- Notices of important meetings and group events.
- Report on the progress of the group's activities.
- Articles of community interest.
- Recognition of volunteer efforts.
- Advertising.

Decide on a format:

- Title of the newsletter.
Number of pages (if you print on an 11" x 17" sheet on both sides, you can fold into a four-page newsletter for less cost).
- The arrangement of copy (for instance, a two column format or full-page).
- Paper (color stock will be most visible).
- Reproduction. Ask a local printer if he will donate printing services if you buy the paper, or it may be printed from a home computer.

Determine how many copies you will need for members, civic and political leaders and advertisers. Printing costs per unit are substantially lower for 1,000 copies than for 500.

Decide how you will distribute the newsletter. The boundless energy of children is useful here. E-mail is convenient and cost effective when available.

Strategies for Publicity

The establishment of a good publicity network is absolutely essential to any group. Whether it is a simple flyer advertising a meeting or a 30-second television announcement, groups must take advantage of all media (including work-of-mouth) to make people aware of their activities and keep member informed.

News Releases/Public Service Announcements

News releases give information about newsworthy events of a timely nature. Public Service Announcements (PSA's) simply announce an event. A good rule of thumb is to use a PSA whenever you want people to respond; i.e., buy tickets, come to a meeting, and write a news release when you want to inform the public about some action; i.e., a neighborhood cleanup, election of officers.

News releases generally should not be longer than one typewritten, double-spaced page. Your first paragraph should include who, what, when and where. Following paragraphs should give details and background. Be sure and give the name, address, and telephone number for your contact person. Indicate a "release date" and a "do not use after" date. Send a copy of the release to the City Desk (newspaper) or News Editor (TV and radio) at least two weeks ahead of time.

NOTE: If something wild and exciting is in the process of happening, call the local newspapers and see if they'll send someone to cover it.

Public Service Announcements (PSA's) should follow the same format, but should be shorter than a news release; optimally only a paragraph.

If you are sending the PSA to a newspaper, call to find out which section of the paper would give the best exposure. Then send the PSA to the editor of that section.

With radio, it is best to send a PSA that can be read in 30 seconds (7 or 8 lines) and attach the details and background on a separate sheet. Send it to the Public Affairs Director.

Since television must involve a visual image, you'll probably need to prepare a slide of some sort. Our local stations will help you develop a good quality TV "spot" that will probably include a title slide and narration. Call them at least a month before you plan to send the spot to other TV stations.

NOTE: Although most radio and television stations are required to give the public service time, the requests for time usually outweigh the time available. Be polite but persistent. Make friends.

Flyers

Any activity, project or goal of the group can be announced in a flyer. When designing a flyer, be sure the wording is bold enough to be read from a distance of ten feet. Use colorful paper. Post flyers in grocery stores, laundromats, schools, stores, any place frequented by the people you want to reach.

Posters

Large, effective posters are optimal. Write your message in black enamel paint to make the poster rainproof. Remember to keep the message brief and fancy artwork to a minimum.

Neighborhood Associations and Common Problem Solving

Interfacing with a large bureaucracy such as a municipality our county government can be challenging. Knowing the RIGHT person to call is often key to finding a solution. .

Relevant Contacts

A		Ward 7	601-960-1063
Accident Follow-Up	601-960-1360		
Action Line	601-960-1111	City Prosecutor	601-960-1197
Animal Control	601-960-1774		
Auto Tags	601-969-6588	Community Centers	
Auto Theft	601-960-1365	Battlefield	601-960-1901
		Champion Gym	601-960-1422
B		Kurts Gym	601-960-1883
Building Permits	601-960-1159	Grove Park	601-960-1807
Burglary	601-960-1297	Jayne Avenue	601-960-2164
		Jones	601-960-1471
C		Leavell Woods	601-960-1427
Chamber of Commerce	601-948-7575	Medgar Evers	601-960-1741
Chancery Clerk	601-968-6507	Sykes Gym	601-960-2165
Chief Administrative Officer	601-960-2314	Tougaloo	601-960-1423
Circuit Clerk	601-968-6628	Vergy Middleton	601-960-1904
City Attorney	601-960-1799	Westside	601-960-1650
City Clerk	601-960-1035	Community Improvement	601-960-1054
City Council:		Consumer Protection	1-800-281-4418
Ward 1	601-960-2051	Convention/Visitors Bureau	601-960-1891
Ward 2	601-960-1088	Constituent Services	601-960-6434
Ward 3	601-960-1090	Court Services (Municipal)	601-960-2050
Ward 4	601-960-2052	Crime Analyst	601-960-2057
Ward 5	601-960-1092	Crime Lab	601-960-1226
Ward 6	601-960-1089	Crime Stoppers	601-355-8477

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SOLUTIONS

D

Day Care Services:
 Jones Center 601-960-1997
 Viriden Center 601-960-1420
 Westside Center 601-960-2400
 Willow Grove Center 601-960-1474

Detective Bureau (Police) 601-960-1278
 Detention Center 601-960-1279
 Drug Hotline 601-960-0025

E

Emergency Calls 911
 Non-Emergency Calls 601-960-1234
 Emergency Operations Center 601-960-1476
 Environmental Service Center 601-960-0000

F

FBI 601-948-5500
 Fire Department 601-960-1392
 Fire Marshal 601-960-2018
 Fire Permits 601-960-2018
 Fire Stations:

- NO. 1 555 S. West St. 601-960-2101
- NO. 2 836 S. Amite St 601-960-2102
- NO. 3 333 E. Fortification 601-960-2103
- NO. 5 1810 N. State St 601-960-2105
- NO. 6 Livingston Park 601-960-2106
- NO. 7 4265 N. State St. 601-960-2107
- NO. 8 1708 Terry Road 601-960-2108
- NO. 10 2410 Livingston 601-960-2110
- NO. 11 3680 Terry Rd 601-960-2111
- NO. 12 2345 McFadden Rd 601-960-2112
- NO. 14 3208 Lynch St 601-960-2114
- NO. 15 4943 Clinton Blvd 601-960-2115
- NO. 16 1400 Lakeland Dr 601-960-2116
- NO. 17 1941 Canton Mart 601-960-2117
- NO. 19 5810 Ridgewood Rd 601-960-2119
- NO. 20 4445 Medgar Evers 601-960-2120
- NO. 21 5381 Watkins Dr 601-960-2121
- NO. 22 1590 Lakeshore 601-960-2122
- NO. 23 2640 Raymond Rd 601-960-2123
- NO. 24 1240 Wiggins Rd 601-960-2124
- NO. 25 4048 N. Siwell Rd 601-960-2125
- NO. 26 2223 Flag Chapel Rd 601-960-2126
- NO. 28 611 Terry Rd 601-960-2128

Forgery/Fraud 601-960-1271

G

Gang Suppression 601-960-1313
 Garbage/Trash pickup 601-960-1193
 Governor's Service Line 601-960-4540

H

Handlift (Jatran) 601-948-5438
 Hinds County Sheriff Dept. 601-974-2900
 Homicide/Robbery 601-960-1306
 Housing Authority 601-362-0885
 Human Services (State) 601-359-4500

I

Identification (Police Dept.) 601-960-1330
 Impound Lot 601-960-1383
 Internal Affairs (Fire Dept.) 601-960-1416
 Internal Affairs (Police Dept.) 601-960-1331

J

Jackson Public Schools 601-960-8700
 Jackson Redevelopment Authority 601-960-1815
 JATLAN (Bus Service) 601-948-3840
 Judges, Municipal Court 601-960-1938
 Juvenile Justice 601-960-1279

K

Keep Jackson Beautiful 601-366-4842

L

Landscape Architecture 601-960-2068
 Legal Department 601-960-1799
 Legislature (State) 601-960-1000
 Libraries:

- Beverly J. Brown 601-372-0954
- Eudora Welty 601-968-5811
- Fannie Lou Hamer 601-362-3012
- Margaret Walker 601-354-8911
- Richard Wright 601-372-1621
- Anna Bell Moore 601-922-6076
- Medgar Evers 601-982-2867
- Northside 601-366-0021
- Willie Morris 601-987-8181

M

Mayor's Office 601-960-1084
 Mayor's Youth Initiative 601-960-2173
 Meals on Wheels 601-960-0438
 Municipal Court 601-960-1938

N

Neighborhood Enhancement 601-960-1490

P

Park Maintenance 601-960-1840
 Parking Tickets 601-960-1932
 Parks & Recreation 601-960-0716

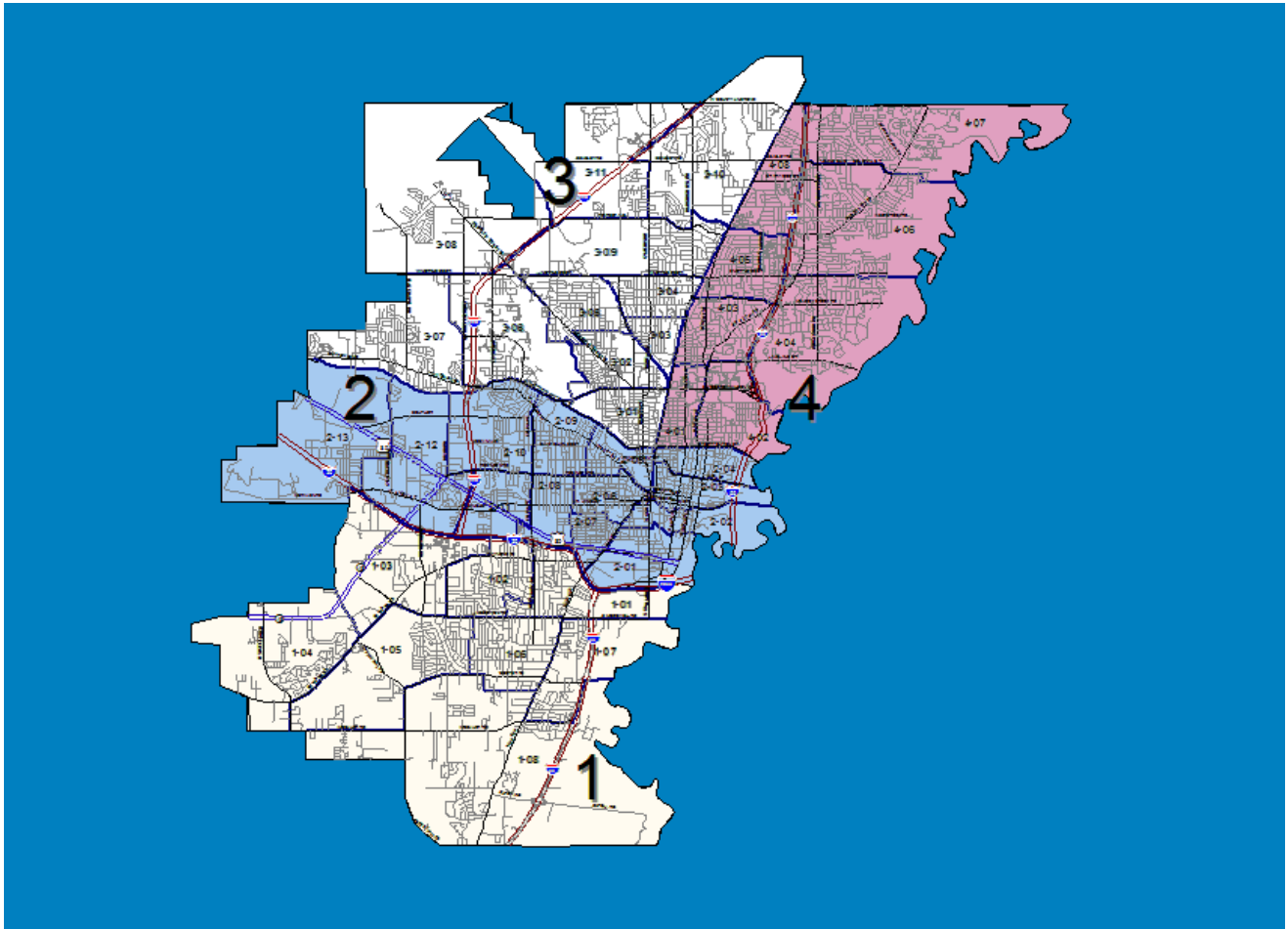
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Paved Streets	601-960-1177	Swimming Pools:	
PEG (Public Education and Government TV)	601-960-2527	Battlefield Park	601-960-4231
Permits:		Grove Park	601-982-5370
Beer	601-960-1940	McDowell	601-371-3999
Building	601-960-1159	Mill Street	601-960-4234
Burn	601-960-2018	Presidential Hills	601-366-5467
Parade	601-960-1340	Russell C. Davis (Jones)	601-960-4227
Personnel Management	601-960-1053	Terry Road	601-372-9006
Planning Department	601-960-1993	Veterans Administration	601-960-4228
Police Department		Vine Street	601-991-0604
Police Chief	601-960-1217	Whitfield Mills	601-960-4235
Assistant Chief	601-960-1926		
Investigators	601-960-2527	T	
Police		Tax Assessor Office	601-968-6617
Communications	601-960-1234	Tax Collector (Hinds County)	601-968-6591
Police Precincts:		Traffic Court	601-960-1932
NO. 1 810 Cooper Rd	601-960-0001	Traffic Engineering	601-960-1651
NO. 2 3551 Lynch St	601-960-0002	Traffic Signals	601-960-1762
NO. 3 1475 W. Northside	601-960- 0003		
NO. 4 3304 North State St	601-960-1454	V	
Special Events	601-960-1340	Voter Registration (City)	601-960-1035
Training Academy	601-960-1378	Voter Registration (Hinds County)	601-968-6641
Youth Division	601-960-1279		
Pothole Patrol	601-960-7684	W	
Prosecutor (City)	601-960-1197	Water/Sewer Business Admin	601-960-2000
Public Defender's Office	601-960-1973	Applications & Transfers	601-960-1116
Public Works Dept.	601-960-2091	Water/Sewer Utilities	601-960-2090
Water Maintenance	601-960-1777	Weed & Seed Program	601-960-1681
Sewer Maintenance	601-960-1869		
After Hours Dispatcher	601-960-1875	XYZ	
Hinds County	601-859-8732	Youth Division (Police)	601-960-1279
		Zoning	601-960-2071
Q			
Quality of Life Unit	601-960-6434		
R			
Recycling	601-960-1193		
Right-of-Way	601-960-1840		
S			
Safety	601-960-2259		
Secretary of State (Mississippi)	601-359-1350		
School Crossing	601-960-1357		
Senior Services	601-960-0412		
Sign Permit	601-960-1154		
Sign Shop	601-960-1764		
Social Security Office (Federal)	1-800-234-5772		
Solid Waste	601-960-1193		
Special Events	601-960-2423		
Streets, Bridges, & Drainage	601-960-1168		

Neighborhood Associations and Crime Prevention

Neighborhood Associations play a vital role in reducing and preventing crime. Having a good relationship with law enforcement and a plan for communicating with them are essential.

City of Jackson – Know your Precinct



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Jackson Police Department – Precinct Contact Information

Precinct # 1	810 Cooper Road	601-960-1878
Precinct #2	215 W. Pearl Street	601-960-1467
Precinct # 3	3925 West Northside Drive	601-960-1447
Precinct # 4	3304 North State Street	601-960-1453

Jackson Police Department – Other Important Contact Information

Chief of Police	601-960-1217
Office of Community Relations*	601-960-1389
JPD Official Web Site	http://www.city.jackson.ms.us/government/police/

*The Office of Community Relations is available to citizens to resolve any issues not handled by Precinct or COPS leaders.

Hinds County Sheriff's Department – Contact Information

Hinds County Sheriff	601-974-2901
Jackson Office, Main Line	601-974-2900
Crime Victim Assistance	601-974-2933
Crime Prevention Unit	601-857-4844
Official Web Site	http://www.co.hinds.ms.us/pgs/sheriff/default.html

C.O.P.S. (Community Oriented Policing)

C.O.P.S. is a national program created by the Department of Justice and was implemented in Jackson in the fall of 2003. Community policing is defined as "a policing philosophy that promotes and supports organizational strategies to address the causes and reduce the fear of crime and social disorder through problem-solving tactics and police-community partnerships." The purpose locally is to provide a network including city, state, and regional officials and their citizenry to share information pertinent to crime awareness & prevention, government activities, and the legislative process.

C.O.P.S. meetings are held regularly at your precinct headquarters. They provide citizens the opportunity to deal directly with their police officers and address what issues are occurring in their community. This approach has proved successful when embraced, and is an important bridge to law enforcement.

For more information on C.O.P.S in your precinct, contact the Jackson Police Department Office of Community Relations.

C.O.P.S. Meetings in Your Precinct

Precinct # 1	810 Cooper Road 601-960-1878	Meets 1 st Thurs. of Every Month, 6:00 p.m.
Precinct #2	215 W. Pearl Street 601-960-1467	Meets 2 nd Thurs. of Every Month, 6:00 p.m.
Precinct #3	3925 W. Northside Dr. 601-960-1447	Meets 3 rd Thurs. of Every Month, 6:00 p.m.
Precinct # 4	3304 N. State Street 601-960-1453	Meets 4 th Thurs. of Every Month, 6:00 p.m.

A Broader Perspective: Jackson Association of Neighborhoods (JAN)

The Jackson Association of Neighborhoods (JAN) is a private non-profit group that was created to serve as an information source for community organizations and to provide assistance in helping resolve issues that impact the physical quality of the area. Staff support is supplied by the City of Jackson Neighborhood Division Manager.

Any neighborhood organization that is registered with the City of Jackson as well as individuals and couples may join by submitting a **JAN Application**. Neighborhood Organizations should be sure they have filed a **registration form** and are on the City's mailing list to receive important zoning related announcements that may affect their neighborhoods and communities. Associate memberships are also available. Meetings are held at least once per month. Special meetings dealing with leadership skill building or other relevant issues may be scheduled more frequently.

Speakers are invited to address the group and information is disseminated about items of interest to the Association members.

Those interested in more information may contact:

Ester L. Ainsworth, Manager, Land Use Planning
Economic Development & Planning
P.O. Box 17 - 200 S President Street - Jackson, MS 39205-0017
601-960-2001 - Office 601-960-2192- Fax
eainsworth@city.jackson.ms.us

Appendix I: Sample Bylaws

Name

The name of the group shall be _____.

Purpose

The purpose of the group shall be to promote a better neighborhood and community through group action.

Membership

Any person residing on _____ between _____ and _____ is eligible for membership.

Dues

Dues shall be _____ per person per year.

Officers

The officers shall be at President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected in _____ of each year. The term of office shall be one year.

Committees

The membership may establish necessary committees at any meeting. The President may also establish such committees. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President.

Steering Committee

The officers and committee chairpersons shall constitute the Steering Committee and may act for the group between meetings.

Meetings

Regular meetings will be held on the _____ of each month, or more often as deemed necessary.

Quorum

At least ten percent of the membership must be present to conduct official business.

Amendments

The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting. Two-thirds (2/3) of those members in attendance must approve the amendment.

Appendix I: Continued...

In addition to the preceding sample bylaws, here is an outline for more detailed bylaws.

Article I

Name

Article II

Members

Sec. 1 – Members Defined

Sec. 2 – Voting and Other Rights

Article III

Directors

Sec. 1 – Regular and Special Meetings

Sec. 2 – Place of Meetings

Sec. 3 – Notice of Meetings

Sec. 4 – Quorum

Sec. 5 – Absence of Meetings

Article V

Officers

Sec. 1 – Officers

Sec. 2 – Duties of Officers

Sec. 3 – Elections

Sec. 4 – Removal and Resignation

Article VI

Miscellaneous

Sec. 1 – Checks, Drafts, etc.

Sec. 2 – Fiscal Year

Article VII

Amending or Repealing Bylaws

Appendix II: Crime Prevention Programs

A Neighborhood Watch is organized a part of a neighborhood association to:

- Improve the relationship between the community and law enforcement officers
- Help reduce crime and issues related to crime
- Educate residents and provide them with resources to protect themselves, their property and their neighbors against crime

Electronic Neighborhood Watch – Participants (residents and businesses) register electronically with their crime prevention representatives and/or local law enforcement agencies to receive:

- Crime alerts
- Crime prevention tips
- Crime statistics and other relevant information

Safety and Prevention Program – These are programs that will target, educate and assist specific groups in the community and include programs such as:

- **Citizen's police academy** – residents are provided a first hand opportunity to work with police officers and crime prevention representatives to gain a better understanding of the challenges of being a law enforcement officer. Residents are also trained on how to more effectively report crime.
- **Identity theft** – residents are educated about what identity theft is, provide tips on how to avoid becoming a victim and what do as a victim.

Appendix II: Continued...

For more information about establishing a crime prevention program please contact the following law enforcement agencies:

City of Jackson - Commander from the City of Jackson Police Precincts

Precinct 1: 601-960-1878 Precinct 2: 601-960-1467

Precinct 2: 601-960-1447 Precinct 4: 601-960-1453

Hinds County

Contact the Hinds County Sheriff's Department

Susan Craig or Lou Ann Jackson – 601-857-4844

Appendix III: Relevant Web Sites

USA On Watch – National Neighborhood Watch Program

www.usaonwatch.org

Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”)

www.cops.usdoj.gov

Jackson Association of Neighborhoods (“JAN”)

www.jacksonms.gov/government/planning/jan

State of Mississippi

www.mississippi.gov

Mississippi Secretary of State

www.sos.state.ms.us

Mississippi State Tax Commission

www.mstc.state.ms.us

Hinds County

www.co.hinds.ms.us

Hinds County Sheriff’s Department

www.co.hinds.ms.us/pgs/sheriff/default.html

City of Jackson

www.city.jackson.ms.us

Jackson Police Department

www.jacksonms.gov/government/police

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Hezekiah Watkins, Dalton-Deer Park Neighborhood Association

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