

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES—NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE

## **RECRUITMENT / ACTIVATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

The recruitment of new neighborhoods or reactivation of a formerly established neighborhood is key to the survival of the RCONA organization. This procedure will help us establish neighborhood contact and aid their entry toward that goal.

## **Procedures:**

Step	Action
1.	<ul> <li>Organize NA logistics &amp; future meeting format:</li> <li>Meet with core group of 5-10 neighbors;</li> <li>Assign a note taker for this meeting's minutes;</li> <li>Make short "RCONA" presentation to group showing RCONA's contributions to the well-being of the City and NAs—programs, activities &amp; events.;</li> <li>Create email list among core group to continue planning;</li> <li>Allow group to select 'Provisional Board' (temporary President, V.P., Secretary, Treasurer, RCONA rep., Members-at-large);</li> <li>Discuss meeting schedules: <ul> <li>A. How often (monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly)</li> <li>B. What dates (avoid 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays—RCONA meetings)</li> <li>C. What time</li> <li>Hand-out RCONA 'tips' packet</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.	Discuss 'homework' assignments for completion by next
	<ul> <li>Find public meeting place to accommodate up to 30 people. RCONA recommends public school site (advise of RCONA Liability Ins. on file with school districts)</li> <li>Provide RCONA sample NA bylaws for consideration;</li> </ul>
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Core Group  Before 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting	3.	<ul> <li>Discuss formation of newsletter or flyer to announce general meeting.</li> <li>Suggest finding of sponsor of newsletter (i.e. realtors/local shops) in exchange for advertising;         <ul> <li>A. Get volunteer Block Captains to deliver newsletter;</li> <li>B. Discuss list of NA goals and events desired:                 <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
RNC & Core Group @ 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting	4.	<ul> <li>Review completion of 'homework' assignments, including:</li> <li>Vote of board on bylaws to recommend for final membership vote @ general NA meeting; submit to RCONA bylaws chair for review;</li> <li>Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes;</li> <li>Assist with General Association Meeting plans:         <ul> <li>Invite police—discuss Neighborhood Watch, crime reports, etc.</li> <li>Keep refreshments simple &amp; possible prizes;</li> <li>Delivery of flyer/newsletter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Provisional Board 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting	5.	<ul> <li>Proceeds with General Association Meeting:</li> <li>Have sign-in sheets at entrance (get email addresses)</li> <li>Have sign-up sheets for various committees out</li> </ul>

		<ul> <li>Introduce RCONA president and RNC members who have been assisting with the organization;</li> <li>Introduce bylaws approved for presentation by provisional board, and hold vote to adopt them;</li> <li>Follow agenda, introducing goals and events as discussed.</li> <li>CONGRATULATIONS!</li> </ul>
RNC	6.	Getting NA activated:
After General		<ul> <li>Put new NA on next RCONA agenda for confirmation vote;</li> </ul>
meeting		<ul> <li>Invite NA board/members to attend and bring:         <ul> <li>A. Letter from Pro-tem president introducing provisional board members and announcing RCONA representative;</li> <li>B. Copy of General Meeting minutes;</li> <li>C. Copy of board approved bylaws</li> </ul> </li> <li>Provide large NA map to NA Exec. Board.</li> <li>Present NA with their individual NA binder and copy of RCONA Bank Account procedure—advise initiation bonus check or return of escrowed funds will issue within the following week.</li> </ul>
RCONA Treasurer	7.	For NAs without prior funds in RCONA escrow or otherwise available to reactivate: within one week following official NA activation, issue \$100 "Initiation" check to NA President to start NA bank account and copy of RCONA Bank Account Procedure.

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