



## **Ground Rules**

Prepare in advance for and attend all meetings

Treat each member with courtesy and respect; be positive and constructive

Agree or disagree with ideas, not with people

Identify issues rather than taking “positions”

Listen to and consider the opinions of others, continually seeking common ground

Be brief and clear in your comments avoiding repetition of what has already been said and focusing on the meeting objectives

Concentrate on problem-solving, not fault-finding

Have an enjoyable/rewarding experience

Focus on providing thoughtful, well-meaning comments that represent the community’s interests and needs

Assist the facilitator in discouraging disruptive behavior