

# How Committee Meetings Run

## Purpose of Our Meetings

Committee meetings are a space for **shared understanding**, not debate or decision-making. The goal is to surface themes, notice patterns, and explore possible directions that reflect resident experience.

## What Meetings Are (and Aren't)

### Meetings are:

- Conversational and collaborative
- Resident-focused
- Oriented toward observation, insight, and synthesis

### Meetings are not:

- Technical briefings
- Advocacy campaigns
- Complaint sessions
- Policy-drafting workshops

## Typical Meeting Flow (60-90 minutes)

1. **Welcome & context-setting**
2. **Board or Chair update** (what's new or relevant)
3. **Focused discussion topic** (one main area per meeting)
4. **Open reflections** (what members are noticing in the community)
5. **Themes & takeaways** (what feels important or emerging)
6. **Next steps & close**

## How Members Are Expected to Participate

- Listen with curiosity
- Share lived experience and perspective
- Stay focused on community-wide impacts
- Respect different viewpoints
- Help identify themes rather than solutions

No preparation or technical expertise is required unless flagged in advance.