



Each year the City of Sandy Springs sets forth Council Priorities that shape the goals your Mayor, City Council and City Staff work to achieve. Many goals under the Council priorities for 2017 were tied to the adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan. The approval of the update to the Development Code and Zoning Map in August brought to a close the two year Next Ten planning process. Public participation helped form the guiding documents with respect to the direction that citizens wished to see their City take.

Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods too must set priorities and goals for itself each year. Not unlike other organizations in any business segment we must use these to succeed. How will we align the goals of our core mission to support the neighborhoods with those goals the City sets that are designed to best serve the citizens of Sandy Springs? What will be the key focuses for the year?

Aligning our goals with those set under the eight Council Priorities for 2018 where SSCN finds common ground, and can affect the greatest community impact, will be a highly effective use of our resources. Those Council Priorities with potentially significant impact on neighborhoods that SSCN shares as its priorities are: Sustainable Growth, Transportation and Natural Resource Protection. Board members with HOA leadership positions bring to any City or development related process under these priorities the highest level of advocacy on behalf of neighborhood interests.

Why set these priorities and goals? They will inform the neighborhoods about what is important and how the organization will strive to better serve them. These will define for the Board a focus it needs to provide that service in the best way possible.

Individual development cases that present a clear impact on neighborhoods will always be of the highest priority for Council of Neighborhoods. When called upon to advise an HOA the mission to "... enhance the quality of life in Sandy Springs.... identify common issues, achieve common goals, unify the community and encourage healthy, responsible development." will always be the primary objective.

This mindset of common goals, as SSCN works for the neighborhoods and with the Mayor, Council and City Staff, will create a connection to the pulse of the City's ongoing efforts. SSCN Board members will maintain open lines of communication with the neighborhoods as they endeavor to represent their concerns and will insure the community's best interests continue to be considered.

Stay in touch with SSCN through our website and newsletters and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same. Attend the March 13th Annual Meeting to hear about the shared goal of "Natural Resource Protection" as discussed by City Staff and other credentialed experts.

Thank you for your continued support. When you join Council of Neighborhoods your dues provide the support necessary so that the all-volunteer Board can devote its energy to the neighborhoods during times when it is needed most.

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