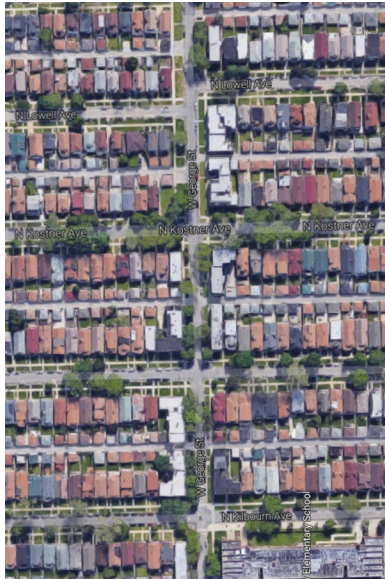
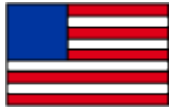


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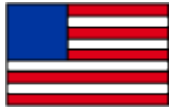
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NEIGHBORHOOD UNITS (NGUs) tNN

IN GENERAL

1. The **basic and only tangible unit** of organization in tNN.
2. **Composed of** members of the neighborhood.
3. **Examples:** college dorms; retirement homes; condominium complexes; high rise residences; small farm towns; military barracks; mobile home parks.
4. Are **bounded** to allow for reasonable sized meetings.
5. Hold **periodic General Meetings** (GMs).
6. Most **detailed work** is done through **Work Groups**.
7. **NGUs instigate and supervise** everything in tNN.

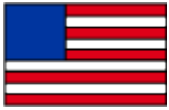


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The GENERAL MEETING are USED to:

1. **Discuss** the **public issues** the neighbors consider most important.
2. Decide what **issues, submitted** by other NGUs, are worth collaboration.
3. Invite and listen to **expert presentations**.
4. **Launch and supervise** Work Groups.
5. **Vote** on tentative policy mandates submitted by other NGUs.
6. **Review and discuss** reports and requests from elected officials.

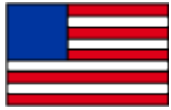


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OFFICERS are CHOSEN to:

1. **Provide for the GMs:** find meeting room; announce time and place; set up chairs; arrange for refreshments; and to **moderate the meetings.**
2. **Arrange for** any invited topic expert to be met, greeted, brought to the meeting & otherwise accommodated.
3. **Guiding** the meeting through its necessary phases.
4. Arranging for **room clean-up** after the GM.
5. **Paying** for the meeting room (from participant donations).



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PREPARATION for the GENERAL MEETING

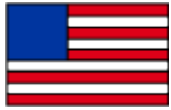
1. The officers indicate the **meeting time and place** on the web site.
2. **Collaboration requests** and requests to vote on policy issues from other neighborhoods are posted on the NGU web site.
3. The members of the neighborhood **suggest issues** to be discussed.
4. The neighbors vote, **indicating their priorities** on those submitted issues.
5. **Urgent business matters** are indicated on the NGU web site.



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COORDINATION of the GENERAL MEETING

1. A **call to order** – at the designated meeting time.
2. Settlement of **urgent business**.
3. Introduction of any **invited expert guest**, then letting him or her proceed.
4. If there is not invited guest, a specified work group gives its **progress report**.
5. The **highest priority issue** or issues are discussed and are moderated by the GM lead or co-lead.



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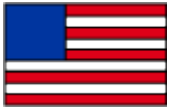
6. The meeting is **formally ended**.
7. The **meeting may be followed** by further discussions by groups of neighbors wishing to discuss matters further, and:
8. **Work Group members** meeting to discuss their further work and schedule of meetings.
9. The NGU officers take care of the **after meeting tasks**: taking down the tables and chairs, cleaning, etc.



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SOME RULES for NGU OPERATION:

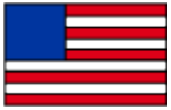
1. Avoid **value judgments**.
2. Deal with **issues as they really exit** (the facts).
3. Resolve real, **actionable issues**.
4. **Respect** others, respect ourselves, but don't tolerate disruption.
5. Sometimes it will be **tough collaborating** with neighborhoods with different philosophical inclinations – but that's what it takes to find consensus.



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NOTES on the ROLE of NGUs

1. The NGUs really are **bosses of tNN** – they supervise and control every function and capability in tNN.
2. **All other structures** of tNN: the registries, the relays, the NIN-LIBs, the work groups – are created by, supervised by, and modified by, the NGUs.
3. As is shown in other of these tNN slide sets, a single issue, suggested by a single NGU or neighborhood member – can begin **creation of a Policy Directive or mandate** to the legislators and officials of the entire nation!



NOTES on the ROLE of NGUs (continued)

4. The NGUs perform a valuable 'filtering' function. Issues that survive processing in a NGU, become factually detailed, and resonate within even a single neighborhood – will **likely be well received** by many other neighborhoods. Thus the remainder of tNN will, in general, be dealing, through collaboration, only with issues that are worthy of further, serious consideration.



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END of PRESENTATION