Broadway Boulevard, Euclid to Country Club

Citizen Task Force Example Ground Rules

Ground Rules are norms for how the Task Force will constructively work together to achieve our Mission. These rules make visible the shared key agreements for operating successfully. Well-crafted Ground Rules are specific, behaviorally anchored, and stated positively. Once Ground Rules are agreed upon; it is everyone's responsibility to uphold them.

The following Ground Rules have been selected because they have proven effective for other Citizen Task Force Committees. Please consider if these guidelines provide the best opportunity for success for the Broadway Boulevard Citizen Planning Task Force.

What rules do we want to impose on ourselves to create a climate in which this group can work together effectively to accomplish our Mission?

- Treat each other with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Actively listen to each other. Avoid interrupting, speaking over others, condescending language or threats.
- Come prepared to meetings by actively studying materials in advance and considering your reactions to them.
- Respect the agenda. Stay focused, on topic, and be succinct. Make the Task Force and Facilitator aware of items outside of the agenda scope and they will be added to a list for later discussion.
- Keep open minds and think outside the box.
- Keep the focus on solving the problem.
- Show a willingness to collaborate.
- Respect each other's perspective and consider issues from others' points of view.
- Start and end meetings on time.
- Turn off cell phones.
- Avoid public statements prejudging the outcome of the project.
- When discussing the project with the news media, Task Force members should be careful to present only their views and not those of others.

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