

THE DAVIDSON AFRICAN AMERICAN COALITION

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be known as The Davidson African American Coalition.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this coalition shall be:

To work cooperatively for the enhancement of the livelihood of the African Americans and the community as a whole in the township Davidson.

The objectives shall be:

1. To establish a cooperative relationship among community members, thus strengthening the sense of fellowship among community members.
2. To work together to improve the neighborhood; to beautify and maintain the homes and community environmental conditions through community workshops/service projects.
3. To improve health, economic, recreational, education, cultural initiatives and social conditions of the people of the community.
4. To provide a collective organized framework among community members to expand community improvement programs
5. To collaborate with and assist in coordinating the resources of other agencies that have relevancy for community improvement.
6. To represent the community in political issues and debates.
7. To act as an advocate in matters concerning drug, crime and safety which may affect the Davidson African American community.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this coalition shall include all people within the prescribed boundaries of the community who express an interest in the organization and share in its program.

In the election of officers and in matters concerned with community financial engagements, voting membership shall be restricted to all who live in the community boundaries and those persons, who have demonstrated their interest in the organization by attendance at meetings or other community activities.

The membership fee shall be ten (10) dollars to join the organization and may be increased as deemed necessary. The fiscal year for membership dues shall be from January - December. Donations are acceptable.

Note: Only paid members are eligible to vote.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section I.

A. The elected officers of the organization shall be:

1. Chair
2. Vice-Chair
3. Secretary
4. Corresponding Secretary
5. Parliamentarian

B. All officers shall be a member of the community and shall serve for a term of two (2) years; Election shall be held the second Thursday of December. Note: The nominating committee shall be appointed in August and shall meet in November.

Section II.

- A. Officers shall be elected the second thursday at the general meeting in month of December.
- B. All officers shall be a member of the organization and shall serve a term of two (2) years.
- C. All officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves in all elected offices.
- D. The Chair shall appoint a nominating committee of five (5) members who are present at the August meeting.
- E. Three conservative meetings missed without a valet excuse shall expends.
- F. Names of candidates shall be presented at the regular monthly meeting in November, before the election in December.
- G. Nominations may be received from the floor
- H. Election shall be held by voice vote, if there is only one candidate for each office.
- I. Election shall be held by ballot if there is more than one candidate for office. The Nominating Committee shall distribute, collect and count ballots. A simple majority shall constitute election.
- J. The Chair or Vice-Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies caused by resignation or failure to serve.
- J. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the Chair the Vice Chair shall succeed to that office and with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-Chair. Each shall serve until the next election.

Section III.

A. Duties of the Officers

1. To preside at all meetings of the organization and announce order of business to be presented to the members
2. To serve as an ex-officio member of all committee except nominating committee.
3. To receive annual written reports of all committees

B. Vice-Chair

1. To serve in the absence of the Chair

C. Secretary

1. To record accurate minutes of the meetings.
2. To read or disperse of minutes in the meetings.

D. Corresponding Secretary

1. To handle all corresponding needs of the organization
2. To assist the secretary.

E. Treasurer

1. To receive and record donations and income, and keep accurate records of all funds.
2. To disburse from account per instructions from the Coalition.
3. To report statements of receipts and disbursements at every meeting.
4. The treasurer will be bonded

F. Parliamentarian

1. To keep order and insure rules are in compliance.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and committee chairs. The Executive Committee may serve as liaison to community agencies and other interest.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

The regular meetings shall be held the 2nd Thursday of each month, January - December at 7:30 pm.

Special meetings may be called by at least two (2) or more officers approved by the chair.

ARTICLE VII

PLAN OF WORK

An annual Plan of Work for the community shall be prepared by the Executive Committee and be presented to the organization at its February meeting.

The plan shall consist of the following:

1. Environmental Issues
2. Housing
3. Crime and Safety
4. Employment
5. Drugs
6. Social Services
7. Health Services
8. Education
9. Recreation
10. Cultural Initiatives
11. Youth
12. Community projects
13. Fundraising

ARTICLE VIII

FUNDRAISER

Section I.

The organization will sponsor two (2) major annual fundraisers within the fiscal year. They shall be:

1. The Davidson African American WestFest (early spring)
2. Community Fall Festival (late fall)

ARTICLE IX

FINANCE

The disbursement of funds shall be under the signature of the Chair, and or Vice-Chair and Treasurer; all bills are to be paid by check. All checks are to require a minimum of two (2) signatures.

ARTICLE X

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Section I.

- A. Members shall make a contribution to the benevolence fund anytime during the fiscal year.

Section II.

- A. Benevolence guidelines includes illness and death of members in the community.

ARTICLE XIII
QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of all the membership present at any given meeting, that a general announcement two (2) weeks prior to the meeting has been made to the community membership.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization, provided it has been presented at a previous meeting.