

## LION NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP FORMATION PROCESS

LION Neighborhood Groups form when Live Oak residents:

- ***meet with the Neighborhood Engagement Specialist and express interest in starting or participating in a LION Neighborhood Group***
- ***hold scheduled neighborhood meetings in the areas/neighborhoods where they live***  
The first few meetings may be facilitated by the Neighborhood Engagement Specialist, but there should be at least one designated leader of each group who will eventually lead meetings and attend sessions of the LION Leadership Development Training which is offered by the Neighborhood Engagement Specialist. Neighborhood meetings can take place in people's homes, at the Live Oak Family Resource Center, in classrooms, parks, or wherever there is a space to do so that is agreed on by members of the group.
- ***get to know one another by sharing their stories and experiences and determine what the wants, needs, and priorities are of the individuals who attend the meetings***
- ***propose neighborhood and community projects that physically improve the neighborhood's beauty, health, or safety and benefit other neighbors who live in the neighborhood***

At least one of those proposed projects must meet the criteria outlined in the LION Grant information and application materials provided in this handbook and be approved for funding either in whole or in part by a designated LION Grant Selection Committee.