

PRESIDENT - Rick Freeman

COMMUNITY LEADER & ADVOCATE

As President of the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods (CAN) and Officer in Kenilworth Forest Residents Association (KFRA) am active in county, city and neighborhood resilience, growth and safety. Accomplish change through leadership, collaboration, fact and effort. Believing lasting change is something stakeholders can “live with”. When compromise is not possible, advocate respectfully with truth, integrity and thoughtful influence. Build lasting relationships by treating others with respect and listening.

Accomplishments

- Revitalized CAN to include over twenty active neighborhoods
- Instituted neighborhood influence in homelessness challenges
- Created citizen led noise ordinance for city review and collaboration
- Created and trained residents on neighborhood watch to combat crime
- Rebuilt neighborhood association in response to crime and adjacent large redevelopment
- Negotiated changes in adjacent development plan

Roles

- CAN President 2020, Treasurer 2018
- Noise Advisory Board Vice Chair 2021
- Homeless Initiative Advisory Commission Citizen Lead 2022
- KFRA Treasurer 2021, President, 2018, Neighborhood Watch 2017