



Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance Meeting Notes

January 9th, 2022, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Oshkosh Senior Center

Neighborhoods Represented: Menominee South (Cynthia Thrope), Historic Fourth Ward (Sarah Russell), Millers Bay (Reni Lynch and Polly Kimball), Congress Field (Dawn McKone), Bent Woods (Mary Jo and Steve VanderLoop), Historic Jackson (Shirley Brabender Mattox), River East (Kathy Webb), Green Acres (Zach and Sam Fritschel), and Menominee North (Patti Waldecker and Dee Walters)

City Representatives: Anne Schafer and Brandon Nielsen

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Staff: Reni Lynch (Board Member), Tom Fojtik, Lauren Carew, and Cora Strand

Neighborhoods Not Represented: Ferry Crossing, Fox Chase, Lumber River, Marina District, Middle Village, Sacred Heart, Sawyer-Paine, Stevens Park, and Midtown

Welcome and Announcements (Cora Strand, Neighborhood Coordinator):

After a brief introduction, Cora reminded neighborhoods to send her annual events in 2023 that will be occurring. Please reach out to cora@gohni.org with those event lists! As we are jumping into 2023, we would like to remind everyone that welcome bags are a fantastic resource for connecting with new neighbors. If you are interested in receiving a list of new residents in your neighborhood, please contact Brandon, BNielsen@ci.oshkosh.wi.us. After obtaining a list from Brandon, contact Cora for a welcome bag order! We are also updating the neighborhood association core team information for 2023. Please email Cora by the end of the month with updated emails and phone numbers. Lastly, if you are interested in learning more about the home buying process, finance options, and finding the right home for you, then a free home buyer seminar might be for you! Sign up today for a free home buyer seminar with our wonderful board members David Rucker and JD Williams. Both are extremely qualified to help you with your home buying dreams! RSVP now because space is limited. This free seminar will be at Wittman Regional Airport on January 23rd from 6 pm-7 pm.

City Updates (Anne Schafer, Branson Nielson): The city has an in-person presentation about housing loans, grants, and incentives that can save money when you buy, remodel, or invest in homes in Oshkosh. This presentation will be at the Oshkosh Convention Center on January 25th at 5:30 pm. For more information and to register, please email Anne, at aschaefer@ci.oshkosh.wi.us. Registration is required by January 23rd.

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods (Tom and Cora): Cora went over the Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods website to give the alliance members a better understanding of the resources available. The site has a neighborhood page that includes each neighborhood's profile. We encourage you to take advantage of your neighborhood page by adding valuable information about your neighborhood. If you would like to change anything on your NA page, click "request an update" at the bottom of the page. This will redirect you to a short questionnaire to let us know exactly what you would like changed. After submitting your request, Cora will be notified and complete your request. On the NA event calendar page, you can input your event information by submitting the "update request". In addition to the NA page, the volunteer hour tracking fillable form is available on the CB&E page. This page gives easy access to fill out the digital CB&E application and the volunteer hours. Please contact Cora, if you would like to be on the committee to revise the current volunteer hour form. Another resource that we will be adding to the website is an alliance meeting resource page. This page will have the past alliance meeting agendas and minutes. If you have any website questions or concerns, please contact Cora.

Breakout and Discussion:

- NNO (National Night Out)
 - 1st Tuesday in August in which Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods collaborates with the City of Oshkosh Police and Fire Department. Neighborhoods are encouraged to host a block party in which you can request fire, safety, and more to attend your event. This is a lot of fun for kiddos as they get to explore the fire truck and other resources!
- De-Clutter Days
 - Many neighborhoods take part in a clean up day with their access to CB&E funding. Neighborhoods can collaborate with other associations or organizations like Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincents, and others to help with getting rid of junk or used items in the neighborhood.
- Other Events
 - Collaboration events with other neighborhoods and organizations are something we continue to promote! We love working with our community partners and any event that can take place with those relationships is a success!

End of Meeting