



Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance Meeting Notes

May 5th 2023, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Oshkosh Senior Center

Neighborhoods Represented: Menominee South (Cynthia Thorpe), Historic Fourth Ward (Misty Braun), 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 (Carmen Scott), Green Acres (Steve & Sandy Albee), and Menominee North (Angie Lee), Historic 6th ward (Tim Ernst, Sara Stichert, Paulette Feld), Sawyer Paine (Ron H), Sacred Hart (Jessica Meidl)

City Representatives: Anne Schaefer and Emma Dziengeleski

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Staff: Tom Bradley (Board Member), Tom Fojtik, Emma Jansky, and Cora Strand

Neighborhoods Not Represented: Ferry Crossing, Fox Chase, Lumber River, Marina District, Middle Village, Stevens Park, and Midtown

Welcome and Announcements (Cora Strand, Neighborhood Coordinator):

Cora started the meeting by introducing Emma Dziengeleski and Emma Jansky. We asked neighbors to warmly welcome them. She also reminded everyone about the website calendar, explained how to reach the calendar and how to add events. Cora also showed the different neighborhood pages and how to edit them by requesting an update. Everyone is able to add events and can add details like descriptions/dates/price.

N.E.W. Dragon Boat Festival (Angie Lee):

Angie started by giving background information about the dragon boats and described it as a multicultural event. The event will focus on community engagement, diverse food options and performances. Angie shared results from a survey that reported only 32% of city residents describe Oshkosh as diverse and inclusive. One of the goals of this festival is to create a more welcoming atmosphere for all. Regarding the dragon boat races, Angie explained that many

different organizations will be invited to form teams and compete. To make the event a success, they need as many as 200 volunteers. This is a great way for neighborhoods to participate. Angie is also interested in hearing ideas we may have regarding other types of activities that might be popular at the event. Please share!

Operations Coordinator (Emma Jansky):

Emma introduced herself. She reminded attendees to report and turn in their volunteer hours, and encouraged everyone to let her know if they need Welcome Bags. Emma explained that she is looking to create a focus group to come up with ideas for more user-friendly volunteer tracking, and that anyone willing should email her with ideas at emmaj@gohni.com. She then announced changes to the application process for the Block Party Trailer. These changes include

- Neighborhoods can request trailer as many times as they want; if demand allows
- Damages to the trailer will be taken out of CB&E funds
- Whomever requests trailer is responsible for pickup and dropoff

Emma also let everyone know that the BPT applications open on **May 15, 2023**.

Breakout

- Questions about neighborhood/national night out - reminder: contact Kate Mann at kmann@ci.oshkosh.wi.us with questions! Do so prior to June 1.

Tom Fojtik

Tom provided an update on the Good Neighbor Grant program. We have already received over 35 applications, including three from local landlords seeking to improve rental properties. The deadline for submitting applications is **June 15th, 2023**. Applications are accessible on the OHN website. Tom then announced that any neighborhood interested in hosting Rock the Block 2024 should complete the short questionnaire he brought with him. Please contact Tom with any questions you may have regarding this opportunity. Tom also announced the date for the first annual OHN Fall Celebration event! It will take place from 5-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, **October 19th 2023** in the brand new Lakeshore Pavilion. Planning is underway, and if you have ideas for activities or awards let he or Reni know.

Both Kate Mann and Kathy Snell will be at the June 12 meeting, so be prepared with questions regarding your summer event planning.

The meeting ended at 7:03 p.m.