



## **Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance Meeting Notes**

January 8th, 2024 6:00-7:00 pm at Oshkosh Senior Center

**Neighborhoods represented:** Historic 6th Ward (Paulette Field), Bent Woods (Steve and Mary VanderLoop), Green Acres (Sarah and Adam Nelson), Quarry Park (Connie Drexler, Kirsten Langkau, Lori Buskirk), Stevens Park (Ron Hansche), Historic 4th Ward (Don and Misty Braun), River East (Yvonne Schaele, Gary Scott), Menominee South (Cynthia Thorpe), Fox Chase (Susan Matz), Millers Bay (Reni Lynch), Sacred Heart (Tim and Barb Macho), Menominee North (Dee Walters, Patti Waldecker), Sawyer Creek (Mary DiAngelo), Sawyer-Paine (Liz Michael)

**City staff:** Emma Dziengeleski, Anne Schaefer, and Brandon Nielsen

**OHN Staff:** Cora Strand and Tom Fojtik

### **Announcements (Cora Strand):**

Cora started the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves to roll into the new year. Cora thanked everyone who came to our Holiday event at our location, 100 north main street. Welcome bags were a huge success this year with over 120 bags sent out. If you need bags please contact Emma and she will put them together! Her contact: [emmaj@gohni.org](mailto:emmaj@gohni.org) The new manager at our office building is a huge supporter of neighborhoods and would like to invite all neighborhoods to use the upstairs space at anypoint. This is a great resource and if you are interested in touring the space please reach out to Cora and she can set up a time to see the space. Her contact information is: [cora@gohni.org](mailto:cora@gohni.org)

### **Spring Rally Discussion (Tom Fojtik):**

Cora shared the new date for the Spring Rally, April 6th. This is a Saturday and we would like to have the event from 10-2:00, with lunch included. Cora also shared with the group the interest of having a small group help with the planning of the event. Cynthia Thorpe and Ron Hanche volunteered. If there is another one or two individuals who would be willing to help we would greatly appreciate it! If you have any questions or ideas about this event or if you have any recommendations for the day please reach out to OHN staff!

### **CB&E (Cora Strand):**

Cora is back on the floor and explains ideas regarding neighborhood Community Building and Engagement funds. She made a point that each neighborhood is allotted \$1,000 each year (total of \$23,000) and that this year the group spent **\$10,446.72**. This is the most neighborhoods have spent on community engagement since the beginning of the program! Cora shares with the group the top expenses of the year. The Sawyer Creek Neighborhood had used their funds to purchase baskets and spread them out through the neighborhood. These have notes to pass the good dead along and share the experience over social media. It was a very successful



event! Another successful event was the Janet Planet concert, a group effort between the Menominee North, Menominee South, Millers Bay, and River East neighborhoods. Green Acres shared about their NNO (Neighborhood Night Out) event in which they used their CB&E funds to purchase food, ice cream and other fun activities. This was their first kick off event and it was very well attended. Fox Chase also shared about their Block Party which was a great hit as the group revitalized their association.

**OHN Updates (Tom Fojtik):**

Rock the Block Oshkosh is going well and the Stevens Park Neighborhood has been very involved with the planning process. Please be aware Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods no longer has a city contract. We have been asked to apply for ARPA funds through the city. Tom is working with City Planning staff on this process. We currently have enough money on hand to operate for about 16 months without any additional funding. We have begun working on our Annual Report for 2023. Please send any interesting neighborhood information to Cora for possible inclusion in the document. We discussed the Washington School site and learned through Brandon that the school district has not yet received any proposals for the development of the property. Lastly, Cora has asked the group to review our website, especially the pages devoted to your individual neighborhoods. Please reach out to Cora with any proposed updates.

The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m. Fun was had by all.