



Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance Meeting Notes

March 11th, 2024 6:00-7:00 pm at Oshkosh Senior Center

Neighborhoods represented: Historic 6th Ward (Tim Ernst Paulette Fields), Bent Woods (Steve and Mary VanderLoop), Green Acres (Adam Nelson), Quarry Park (Connie Drexler, Kirsten Langkau, Lori Buskirk), Menominee South (Cynthia Thorpe), Millers Bay (Polly Kimball and Reni Lynch), Sacred Heart (Tim and Barb Macho), Menominee North (Patti Waldecker), and Sawyer Creek (Mary DiAngelo)

City staff: Emma Dziengeleski, Anne Schafer, Emily Tardiff

OHN Staff: Cora Strand and Tom Fojtik

Announcements (Cora Strand):

Cora extended a warm welcome to everyone and expressed gratitude for their attendance. She informed the group that if they require Welcome Bags, they should reach out to Emma at emmaj@gohni.org. Additionally, Cora mentioned that the new manager at our office building is highly supportive of neighborhoods and welcomes all neighborhoods to utilize the upstairs space. Interested parties can contact Cora to schedule a tour of the space at a convenient time. Cora's contact information is cora@gohni.org. Going forward, all CB&E requests should be directed to Emma, who is now responsible for all neighborhood accounts. Volunteers hours and Block Party requests should also be sent to Emma. The Block Party Trailer is now available for use.

City of Oshkosh (Anne):

Anne shared information regarding a grant opportunity for the Stevens Park Neighborhood during the Rock the Block Program. Fifty trees will be available for planting on private property during this initiative.

Spring Rally Discussion (Cora Strand):



Cora announced that the Spring Rally is scheduled for April 6th, a Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, including lunch. The event will consist of three main sections, each with 3-4 small workshops. Associations are encouraged to send 4-5 representatives. The registration form was sent out on Friday the 16th, and a QR code was provided for immediate sign-up for those in attendance. Suggestions or inquiries regarding the event can be directed to OHN staff.

OHN Updates (Tom Fojtik):

Tom discussed plans to revitalize neighborhood associations this spring with the Good Neighbor Grant. A notice was placed in The Herald, generating initial interest in the program. Applications will be accepted from April 15th to June 15th. While funds for 35 grants are currently available, efforts to secure additional funding are underway to increase this number by the application deadline. Tom also provided an update on the potential Urban Ecology Center in Oshkosh. As a committee member, he noted they've secured space at County Park but lack a 501(c)3 status. There are plans to partner with them, leveraging our status to aid in their funding applications. This collaboration is anticipated to be highly successful, and support for their endeavors is encouraged.

The meeting ended at 6:49 p.m. Fun was had by all.