



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

May 13th, 2024 6:00-7:00 pm at Oshkosh Senior Center

**Neighborhoods represented:** Historic 6th Ward (Tim Ernst and Paulette Feld), Bent Woods (Steve and Mary Jo VanderLoop), Green Acres (Zach Frichel), Quarry Park (Connie Drexler and Lori Buskirk), Menominee South (Cynthia Thorpe), Millers Bay (Reni Lynch), Sacred Heart (JD Williams), Midtown (Betsy Kunde), River East (Carmen Leal) Lumber River (Ann Resop), Fox Chase (Julie Kiefer and Susan Matz), Stevens Park (Ron Hansche), Historic 4th Ward (...) and Sawyer Creek (Mary DiAngelo)

**City staff:** Emma Dziengeleski, Anne Schaefer, Emily Cardiff and Mark Lyons

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

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

Cora extended a warm welcome to everyone and expressed gratitude for their attendance. The group also went around and introduced themselves. She informed the group that if they require Welcome Bags, they should reach out to Emma at [emmaj@gohni.org](mailto:emmaj@gohni.org). As a reminder all CB&E requests should be directed to Emma, who is now responsible for all neighborhood accounts. Volunteer hours and Block Party requests should also be sent to Emma. The Block Party Trailer is now available for use.

**Guest Speaker (Mark Rohloff):** Mark Rohloff shared his State of the City presentation. If you have not already done so we recommend that you watch the 30 min presentation to stay updated about the city budget and all of the annual success. Here is his presentation if you are interested in the information:

**Guest Speaker (Steve Gohde):** The city is required to build a "lead pipe inventory". Steve Gohde spoke about the public and private water systems and why they need a full inventory of all the lead pipes and other materials in the infrastructure. This information is being mandated by the DNR and the department is looking for finalized numbers by September 1st of this year. Lead



pipes and possible unknown materials can be very dangerous to the public and can affect children in many ways including growth rates, toxicity, and other environmental conditions. Steve is asking residents to take the city survey where city staff will come by appointment to your home and review and provide materials for free in residential properties for the cross connection inspection. Here is the Oshkosh water website to book an appointment: [Public Works](#)

**Guest Speaker (Mark Lyons):** Mark Lyons spoke about the Great Neighborhoods program. He shared its purpose, scope and history and provided examples of previous projects. Mark reviewed the application process. The funding for the program is \$150,000 for this year. City staff would like neighborhoods who have never applied or have only applied for small funds to fill out the application for this year, as they will receive priority consideration.

**Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods (Tom Fojtik):** Rock the Block Oshkosh is happening in the Stevens Park Neighborhood this Tuesday and Thursday and the same for the following week. Projects will be taking place from 9am-2pm. We recommend checking out the event if you are a neighborhood who may be interested in participating in a future year. Tom shared a quick update on the Good Neighbor Grant program. 25 signs have been distributed in Oshkosh's neighborhoods. We have approved 41 applications so far. Residents of 17 neighborhoods have sent in applications.

The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m. Thank you to all of our guest speakers for the evening!