

# OSHKOSH HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS



June 10, 2024

Meeting began at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance: JD Williams (Sacred Heart), Kathy Webb (River East), Gary and Carmen Scott (River East), Mary D'Angelo (Sawyer Creek), Reni Lynch (Millers Bay), Susan Matz (Fox Chase), Cynthia Thorpe (Menominee South), Lori Buskirk (Quarry Park), Connie Drexler (Quarry Park), Pam Ruder (Quarry Park), Tim Ernst (Historic 6th Ward), Paulette Feld (Historic 6th Ward), Adam Nelson (Green Acres), Robert Gluth (Lumber River), Sam Stephenson (Midtown), Mary and Steve Vanderloop (Bent Woods), Patti Waldecker (Menominee North), Shirley Brabender Mattox (Historic Jackson)

Linda Freeman (Some Good Junk, Inc.), Brandon Nielsen (City of Oshkosh), Emily Tardiff (City of Oshkosh), Anne Schaefer (City of Oshkosh), Cora Strand (GO-HNI), Tom Fojtik (GO-HNI)

## **Announcements**

We have distributed 115 Welcome Bas so far this year. The total for 2023 was 123, so we are already closing in on a new record. The Block Party Trailer has been reserved for 6/12, 6/25, 6/30 and 9/7.

## **Speaker - Linda Freeman from Some Good Junk, Inc.**

Linda provided information regarding the services her company provides, including dumpsters for waste and recycling, emphasizing their emphasis on being efficient and environmentally conscious in their work. She shared her business card with group members, and can be reached at [Goodbyejunk.4ever@gmail.com](mailto:Goodbyejunk.4ever@gmail.com) if you would like to discuss pricing or make arrangements for use of their services.

## **Group Discussion - Annual Meetings**

We had a broad ranging discussion regarding effective ways to promote, organize and implement Annual Meetings. Many experiences and ideas were shared. Some also expressed frustration at the lack of attendance and/or interest on the part of neighbors regarding the meetings. Despite the challenges, most agreed that the gatherings are worthwhile and provide opportunities for neighbors to engage. This group needs to keep this discussion going so we can help each other maximize the benefit of these gatherings.



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## Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Updates

We have received 71 Good Neighbor Grant applications and approved 41. We have met our budgeted amount and are emailing all the newer applicants that we can only consider their applications if we receive additional funding, which is being sought.

As of July 1 we will be relocating to the US Bank building, located directly across the street from our current location. We will notify everyone of the new address as soon as we can.

Rock the Block 2024 went very well. Kudos to Habitat for Humanity and Stevens Park for organizing and implementing such a wonderful and productive program. You have all received the “Request for Consideration” form for RTB 2025. If your neighborhood is interested please complete the form and submit it to Tom by July 1. Call or email him with any questions you may have regarding the process or the program.

We continue to wait for word regarding our ARPA application with the city of Oshkosh. **UPDATE: We were informed that the city council will be conducting an “in meeting workshop” regarding the applications at their June 25 meeting. Tom has been asked to attend and be prepared to answer any questions city council members may have regarding our request. Feel free to attend!**

## City Announcements - Brandon Nielsen

Brandon announced that more funding may become available for the “Sold on Oshkosh” program, which helps new homebuyers with down payments. He asked that anyone with questions should contact the City Planning office.

Meeting ended at 6:55 p.m. The next Alliance Meeting will take place on Monday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

