



Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance Meeting Notes

August 12th, 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 VanderLoop), Green Acres (Sarah and Adam Nelson), Quarry Park (Connie Drexler, Kirsten Langkau and Lori Buskirk), Millers Bay (Reni Lynch and Polly Kimball), Sacred Heart (Tom Fritz, JD Williams, Tim Macho), Midtown (Sam Stephenson), River East (Gary Scott), Sawyer Creek (Mary DiAngelo), Stevens Park (Larry and Rene Lautenschlager and Ron Hansche)

City staff: Emma Dziengeleski, Emily Tardiff and Anne Schaefer

OHN Staff: Cora Strand and Tom Fojtik

Announcements (Cora Strand):

Welcome bags are available anytime at our office. To request a specific amount, please contact Emma Jansky at emmaj@gohni.org. This year, we have surpassed our goal of distributing 100 welcome bags, reaching approximately 160 so far, and we expect to reach nearly 200 by the end of the year.

The annual Holiday Party will be held at Copper Hall, the recipient of the Neighborhood Support Hero award at our recent fall event. Copper Hall has generously donated the space for our celebration. The party is scheduled for December 9th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special opportunity to connect with board members, neighbors, and friends. All are welcome!

Neighborhood Discussion (Tom Fojtik):

Tom led neighborhood leaders in a discussion about future neighborhood mailings, especially in light of budget constraints. The group shared feedback on past mailing practices, discussing what has worked well and what hasn't. Staff will explore a few options, including a cost breakdown, for the group to consider moving forward.

Fall Event Recap (Cora Strand):



The Celebrating Neighborhood Heroes event on October 17th was a success, with 87 attendees who provided very positive feedback. Our Neighborhood Heroes for the event included:

- Neighborhood Volunteer Hero: Joseph Youngbauer
- Neighborhood Youth Hero: Avery Payton
- Good Neighbor Hero: Kris Ulrich
- Neighborhood Support Hero: Copper Hall

All Heroes attended and were celebrated that evening. We extend our gratitude to the sponsors and donors who made the event possible:

Donations:

- Gibson: Event space, bar, and event coordinator
- Food Co-Op: Cookies
- Elsewhere: Lavender lemonade

Sponsors:

- Shawn Dockery State Farm: \$500
- American National: \$500
- First Bank National: \$400
- ThedaCare: \$250
- Bock Insurance: \$250
- Community Foundation: \$1,000

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods (Tom Fojtik):

Tom provided an update on the Good Neighbor Grants. To date, we've completed 29 reimbursements and anticipate finalizing 35 by year-end. We're still working to reimburse uncompleted projects. Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods has also received a \$70,000 grant from the JEK Foundation, and we're very grateful for their ongoing support.

Neighborhood Share (Cora Strand):

With time remaining, Neighborhood Coordinator Cora Strand invited neighborhood leaders to share recent events and projects. Congress Field, Bent Woods, and Historic Jackson collaborated on a Halloween "Safe Trick-or-Treat" event at the Legion, which had a fantastic turnout. They are now considering a holiday event for the group. Sacred Heart and Historic 6th Ward neighborhoods hosted a Trunk or Treat event, attracting over 400 community members with 14 participating cars. Millers Bay held their annual meeting, which was well-attended, and they plan to host another Chili Cook-off (or



possibly Soup Cook-off) event with trivia as an added activity. The group expressed enthusiasm for these neighborhood shares and accomplishments.

The meeting ended at 7:00p.m. Thank you all who attended the meeting!