

## Congress Field Oshkosh Neighborhood Association—Bylaws (Draft)

**Vision:** We envision a community where all neighbors are connected and valued. We aim to instill pride in place and a commitment to developing a thriving neighborhood.

**Mission:** The Congress Field Neighborhood Association brings neighborhood residents together to create a strong, respectful, diverse, and inclusive community, to highlight our neighborhood assets, to address neighborhood concerns, and to improve local quality of life.

### **Neighborhood Boundaries:**

The Congress Field Neighborhood boundaries are:

Southern boundary: W. New York Avenue (both sides)

Northern boundary: Congress Avenue (both sides)

Western boundary: Elmwood Avenue (eastern side)

Eastern boundary: Historic Jackson Drive Neighborhood boundary

### **Membership:**

All residents, property owners, and business owners that lie within the above stated boundaries are eligible for membership in the Congress Field Neighborhood Association. Membership is on a voluntary basis and there are no dues or fees to belong.

### **Leadership:**

The Congress Field Neighborhood Association is to be led by a steering committee consisting of no less than five (5) participants and no greater than nine (9) who will volunteer on a one (1) year basis, to be extended based on need and interest. Any neighborhood resident eighteen (18) years or older is eligible to be a member of the steering committee. Steering Committee members will be elected by verbal consent annually by those residents who attend the annual membership meeting. The steering committee will be the lead point of contact with the City of Oshkosh and the Go-HNI Liaison. Steering Committee members can be removed, by a majority vote at a recognized neighborhood meeting, if a member is no longer working in the best interests of the neighborhood association.

### **Committees:**

Membership is best served by joining a volunteer committee that has been assigned responsibilities by the Steering Committee. Committees shall be established by the Steering Committee as necessary to pursue our Mission. Membership on Committees shall be open to all members. Committee structure is informal to encourage participation.

Example Committee:

Neighborhood Block Party Committee

Neighborhood Maintenance

Community Engagement

### **Meetings:**

An annual meeting will be held every year in August. Other meetings may be called for organizational or recreational purposes. All neighborhood association members are eligible to

vote on all matters brought before the organization. Decisions are to be made by consensus, whenever possible, with a majority vote necessary to pass.

**Changing of Bylaws:**

These bylaws may only be changed by majority vote at an annual membership meeting.

It is by consensus of those attending the meeting on August 20, 2017 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church that these organizational governing rules are adopted.