## **Sacred Heart District Governing Rules**

**VISION:** Sacred Heart District is a walk able, socially, and economically diverse neighborhood, where the quality of life is rich for all ages. All people are welcomed and valued and are encouraged to engage in open and effective communication and to participate in community activities

MISSION: Sacred Heart District is a safe and welcoming neighborhood for all residents.

**NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES**: Sacred Heart District is bounded by: South: 9<sup>th</sup> Ave (north side only) North: 4<sup>TH</sup> Ave (south side only) West: Knapp St. (both sides) East: Dakota St. (west side only).

**MEMBERSHIP:** All residents, property owners and businesses that lie within the above stated boundaries are eligible for membership in the Sacred Heart District. Membership is on a voluntary basis and there are no dues or fees to belong.

**FUNDRAISING:** Donations and grants are accepted, and fundraising is encouraged and monitored by the steering committee. All monies raised will be used to pursue the goals of the Sacred Heart District.

**LEADERSHIP:** Sacred Heart District is led by a steering committee consisting of an odd number of neighbors and of no less than 5 participants and no greater than 9 who will volunteer on a 1 year basis, to be extended if needed and have an interest to do so. Any neighborhood resident aged 18 and over is eligible to be a member of the steering committee. Steering Committee members will be elected by verbal consent annually by the residents in attendance at the Sacred Heart District's annual membership meeting. Two Sacred Heart District steering committee member will be designated as lead points of contact for the City of Oshkosh and GO-HNI. Steering committee members may be removed through a majority vote at a recognized neighborhood meeting if the member is not working towards the best interest of the Sacred Heart District.

**COMMITTEES:** Membership participation is best served by joining a committee that has been assigned responsibilities and authorities by the steering committee. Committees shall be established by the steering committee as deemed necessary to pursue our stated mission. Membership on committees is open to all association members.

Committees shall be responsible for the coordination of activities and programs, for research and review of issues and proposals, and for recommending actions to be taken by the steering committee in the areas of responsibility assigned to the committee.

Committee structure is informal to encourage member participation. Committees shall choose their own officers and meeting schedules; and report findings to the steering committee.

**MEETINGS:** An annual membership meeting will be held each year in May. Other meetings may be called for organizing purposes. All Sacred Heart District members are eligible to vote on all matters brought before the association. Decisions are made with a majority vote by a show of hands and/or ballot necessary to pass. Decisions are to be made by those present. Minutes from the meetings will be taken and made available to members upon request.

**CHANGE OF GOVERNING RULES**: The accepted above governing rules may be changed only through a majority vote at the association annual membership meeting where the intent of the meeting has been clearly defined. The steering Committee, with advisement from the association, may draft additional guidelines that are in the best interest of the Sacred Heart District and will become guiding with a majority vote.

It is by consensus of those attending the meeting on August 17<sup>,</sup> 2017 at Leanne Hall that the organizational governing rules are adopted