



Midtown Neighborhood Agreement

Approved: 9/28/2019

Name: The name shall be the Midtown Neighborhood Association

Vision: Midtown Neighborhood Association strives to strengthen our community, make our neighborhood a safer place to live, beautify our already beautiful neighborhood, and acquire and maintain a green space for the community to enjoy.

Mission: Midtown Neighborhood Association brings neighborhood residents together to get to know one another, create community and build upon existing assets, develop a collective voice to represent the desires of its membership, and collaborate with neighbors and other Oshkosh stakeholders to address issues and opportunities related to local quality of life.

Boundaries: The Association's boundaries are:

North: New York Street; **South:** Irving Street; **East:** Railroad Tracks; **West:** Main Street

[\(view map\)](#)

Association Membership: Membership in the Midtown Neighborhood Association is open to all persons, 16 years of age and older, residing in or owning a property or business or representative(s) of business within the Midtown Neighborhood Association boundaries. Membership is strictly voluntary; no neighbor will be required to participate.

Midtown Neighborhood Association membership is open to all those who reside in the area or have a business interest in the area to include schools, churches and other non-profit organizations [herein referred to as "residents"]. Unless invited by the steering committee, members of the public who are not residents within the neighborhood association boundaries will be considered observers only. There are no fees to be a member of Midtown Neighborhood Association.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Decisions are made by majority rule of those present.

An annual meeting or General Membership meeting shall be held once a year. The steering committee members determine the time and place of these meetings and provide advance notice to members as a reminder. Other meetings may be held with advance notice provided to all members. *Oshkosh Civility Project principles will be utilized during all meetings (oshkoshcivilityproject.com).

Leadership: Midtown Neighborhood Association is led by a steering committee of ideally nine (9) members. All members of the steering committee must be a resident (owning or renting), property, business owner or business representative, or a representative of a school, church, or other non-profit within the neighborhood boundaries and are elected to serve a one-year term. In the case of a steering committee member vacancy, the remaining members of the steering committee are authorized to recruit and replace the committee member.

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance (OHNA) is made up of leadership from all neighborhood associations and meets monthly every third Tuesday from January through October. At least one neighborhood association member(s) should represent Midtown Neighborhood Association at the OHNA meetings.

Communications: Effective communication is valued by the Midtown Neighborhood Association to build trust and relationships. In efforts to be transparent and clear about expectations and opportunities the steering committee will communicate with members in multiple formats (mail, face-to-face, and online). Meeting minutes will be posted publicly after approval from the steering committee and shared on the maintained channels:

Facebook page: TBD

Website: TBD

Bitly (for sharing website on print): TBD

Community Building and Engagement Funds: Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc (GO-HNI) has funds to be used for neighborhood associations to encourage connectedness in the neighborhoods. To use funds, pass a vote on projects and/or events and submit a Community Building and Engagement Application for consideration. Once approved by GO-HNI staff, neighborhood associations are able to purchase items for stated project/event. After project/event submit receipts and documentation to receive reimbursement for expenses.

GO-HNI has a State of Wisconsin Raffle License that can be used for fundraising efforts by submitting a Raffle License Application and be approved by GO-HNI staff. Documentation will be needed for the use of Raffle License by State guidelines.

Policy Statement of Diversity and Inclusion: The Midtown Neighborhood Association values the uniqueness of the individual, the power of the collective good and the importance of communities. We promote a climate that welcomes, understands and respects the diversity of our neighbors, staff, clients, community partners. Dimensions of diversity include, but are not limited to age, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious beliefs, gender identity, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Dissolution: The Midtown Neighborhood Association shall dissolve if and only if the Midtown Neighborhood Association has attempted to remain active through the

guidance of Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc or the City. If Midtown Neighborhood Association decides to dissolve the Midtown Neighborhood Association must provide documentation of vote to Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods and the City. All remaining funding will be returned to Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc.

Amendment of Agreement: The power to alter, amend or repeal the Agreement or adopt new Agreement shall be vested in the members. Such action shall be taken at an Annual Membership meeting, or a meeting called for that purpose by a simple majority vote. The Agreement may contain any provision for regulation and management of the affairs of the Midtown Neighborhood Association consistent with the law. Written advance notice (minimum of two-weeks) shall be given for any proposed change to the Agreement.