

Washington Park NID

2016 Annual Report

The Washington Park (WP) NID successfully reinvested in home improvements via the Homeowner Grant, commercial property improvements via the Business Improvement Grant, and contracted residents to service diversely skilled resident leadership opportunities via the WP NID Community Improvement Project funds. Here are some examples of projects and accomplishments:

Arts and Culture

- Planning in advance of a year, will implement another community mural project in the neighborhood with contracted local artists.
- Led-outdoor art-studio session during the 5th annual Lisbon Avenue Arts Festival.

Education

- Organized a 125 plus person community meal and gift giveaway with a single father turned mentor via Habitat for Humanity.
- Organized and facilitated an informational session to refugees on how to dress appropriately for Wisconsin's winter weather and gave away clothes.
- Trained 9 residents-turned-entrepreneurs on City's licensing processes for temporary food dealer permits.

Health & Wellness

- Implemented healthy cooking tips via distribution of a budget friendly book to residents for events.
- Installed community garden maps at 15 different sites to merge a connection between resident gardeners utilizing larger vacant spaces and to encourage self-guided bike/walking tours.
- Maintained year two of Farmers' Market Fridays at 3327 W Lisbon Ave on a vacant lot including secured an ability to accept SNAP benefits.

Housing

- Conducted a successful Housing Resource Fair in which promoted home improvement resources.
- Secured a Targeted Improvement Neighborhood for the 31st-35th/Lloyd to Galena Street neighborhood from summer 2016-summer 2019.
- Conducted a Spring and Fall Housing survey to assess needed repairs in the NID area.

Jobs & Business

- Supported \$5,370 worth of match funds to support commercial repairs and to develop contracted jobs for local residents.

Park

- Supported promotions and activities for the Washington Park bandshell concert season and referred resident vendors.
- Sponsored space rental fees for events including recurring seasonal environmental education awareness celebrations with Urban Ecology Center.
- Hosted an annual all-city block party for residents of the NID area.

Safety

- Hosted monthly community safety meetings in neighborhood and 4 resident breakfasts.
- Supported mass promotions of National Night Out and partnerships with Milwaukee-Police including 5 ice cream socials and 5 aldermanic walks.

Homeowner Grant Fund

The WP NID fund contracted with Community First to administer the Homeowner Grant Fund. In 2016 the fund assisted \$77,712.86



Celebrated five years of quality of life initiatives



WP Residents participate in NID input session



Extending Opportunities to Resident Entrepreneurs



Accepting a 2016 MetLife Community Policing Award



Home Improvement Grant Project at North Avenue