

MINUTES

Oak Park Board of Health Tuesday, January 24, 2017- 6:00 PM Village Hall – Room 102

Present: Chair Florence Miller; Commissioners: Noel Chavez, Bob Danstrom, Dhana Ganesan, Adrienne Rogers, Edgar Vesga; Staff Liaison: Mike Charley, Health Director

Excused: Commissioner: Jonathan Mizgala

Guests: Jason Evans & Nancy Romancheck, Illinois Benedictine University students

- I. Call to Order @ 7:01 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda, agenda approved, first by Vesga, second by Chavez
- III. Approval of the Minutes of November 22, 2016, minutes approved, first by Chavez, second by Rogers
- IV. Public Comment: Two guests this meeting, Jason Evans, Masters Business Administration @ Illinois Benedictine; Nancy Romancheck, Masters in Public Health @ Illinois Benedictine
- V. Commissioner Updates
 - A. Bike Helmet Update: Danstrom communicated that Florence Miller and he met with Sargent David Jacobson of the Oak Park Police Department. The Police Department's primary focus has been public education with bike safety. The Police have rewarded young bike riders awards for wearing their bike helmets (7-11 coupons). "Hooray for Helmets" is a program that Bob Danstrom is proposing where the Village would work with Village business to support bike helmet use through added rewards to "winning" cyclists. The Police Department would then distribute the rewards. Increasing stakeholders/businesses will increase awareness. Bob communicated that using the FYI would help market the use of bike helmets among youth. According to Sargent Jacobson the Police Department's plan is education versus ticketing enforcement. Vesga inquired whether the BOH could also interact with the school district to discuss how they can collaborate on use of bike helmets. Danstrom communicated that there are community policing officers assigned to the middle and high schools, so they have direct access to the youth riding bikes to school. There hasn't been any existing discussion with the schools through the BOH at this point. Miller communicated that Sargent Jacobson mentioned that the schools don't have the time/resources to add bike education. Vesga asked if education can be provided through the Farmers' Market or the Oak Park Visitor Center. Charley communicated that there is an opportunity for the BOH or Police to request a 10x10 booth at the Farmers' Market for one or two market dates also. The Farmers' Market Manager would have to be contacted prior the season. Danstrom communicated that if collaborating with food businesses is allowed, that a kickoff meeting coordinated through the BOH and/or Police with businesses. Charley recommended that the BOH work with Loretta Daley, Business Services Supervisor and see if someone from the BOH can participate in the monthly business group meeting at Village Hall. This would be an opportunity to engage the business

community. Miller recommended working directly with Parents is key also. Police Chief Tony Ambrose made a surprise visit. The BOH members took the opportunity to share the bike helmet ideas with Chief Ambrose during a short conversation. Chief Ambrose provided his ongoing support of public education for youth wearing bike helmets.

Next steps: Danstrom recommended that the BOH kickoff the item by the March meeting. By the next meeting (February), the BOH reach out to Sargent Jacobson regarding this initiative to get him on board. If anyone at the BOH knows of any business/resident interested in this initiative, please let him know prior to February meeting. Vesga communicated that getting youth involved with the discussion is important. Bob moved that the BOH support "Hooray for Helmets" and its initiative including collaborating with local businesses and other key stakeholders on bike safety. Ganesan second. Vote, all in favor. Miller requested that Danstrom provide the language used to communicate to business community.

B. Public Health Observances- Vesga handed out a list of National Health Observances by Month. Vesga asked that BOH members review the list and prioritize the observances by what they felt would be the most effective messages for Village residents. Vesga recommended that the BOH pick 4 observances, one each quarter to promote. Vesga asked Charley if he could schedule a conference call with Dave Powers, Communications and asked whether funding was available for printing. Ganesan recommended a "public health corner" in each Oak Park FYI. Chavez suggested that other organizations may be a source of public education materials. Miller suggested referring to the BOH Work Plan when picking out observances.

VI. Old Business

- A. 2017 Work plan: Everyone assigned come back next month with a plan.
- B. IPLAN Update: Charley provided an update on the IPLAN process including the steps in the process and the timeline.

VII. New Business

- A. APHA 1 Billion Steps Challenge: Miller asked if the BOH members would be interested in participating in the challenge along with BOH member's family and friends. Miller will email out an invite for the challenge.

VIII. Adjourn @ 8:20 pm, first by Danstrom, second by Chavez