

## Current Year Report – NSP 1

### JANUARY

The NSP Team at NWSCDC used January as a planning and organizing month to prepare for events throughout 2018. In addition to accomplishing all of the CDBG requirements, NSP 1 Coordinator planned events throughout the year. The NSP Coordinator aimed to further engage residents on blocks that have high rates of police calls for service, promoting stable and safe neighborhoods by creating block watch groups and events to bring neighborhoods together.

The organizer continued work on establishing new connections in the neighborhoods of the area while also seeking and leveraging connections with new and existing community partners. There has been one block/community group established in the area that meets once a month. The group has consistently had new residents in attendance and has grown since its beginning in December of 2017.

Organizer continued to attend and participate in resident meetings held at Parklawn on a monthly basis to stay informed on the new rules and regulations of the community and has attempted to stay in contact with the Housing Authority to inform them of initiatives and resources that are available to the residents of Parklawn. The area organizer attended meeting with Complete Streets and continues to communicate with the group in regards to safer streets and bike lanes in the area.

### FEBRUARY

The month of February consisted of more planning work for events and partnerships in the community. NWSCDC organizer has continued to plan and prepare for lead and nutrition events, block watch meetings and future initiatives on the NWSCDC.

The organizer along with the community development specialist and colleague, Sarah Bregant started conducting meetings at Clemens Elementary School to discuss the future curriculum of the school to address, inform and educate students on the West Basin in the area of 35<sup>th</sup> & Congress. This project has also gained attention from a National organization (The Center for Community Investment, Connecting Capital Initiative) in which the NWSCDC and MMSD can leverage funds to complete the community space within the West Basin area.

### MARCH

March began with meeting Alderman Rainey and President Hamilton to give information on the West Basin project and receive input and ideas from the Alderman on the project as well. The organizer began visiting businesses and residents to conduct one-on-one meetings in the West Basin area to discuss and introduce the project to the area businesses and residents. The organizer traveled to Chicago and participated in the Learning Community workshops for the Connecting Capital Initiative in regards to the West Basin project in NSP 1 area.

The remainder of the month was spent attending meetings with community partners regarding the Connecting Capitol Initiative and the Milwaukee Promise Zone/Opportunity Zone initiative. The organizer attended multiple meetings for the Connecting Capitol Initiative and meetings with the business manager Steve Schafer at Atonement Lutheran Church and School to plan a summer event on Sherman

Blvd. in June 2018. The area organizer also met with new residents to begin discussions and plans for a new community meeting group in the area outside of Parklawn.

### **APRIL**

The month of April the organizer began a six-week training working sponsored by LISC, “Building Community Wealth” that ended mid April. There has been a new block group established with a cleanup in the area and plans to have a block party in the coming weeks to introduce long time residents to new neighbors in the area and to show appreciation for the community in which they live, work and play.

### **MAY – DECEMBER**

The remaining months of 2018 will be used to expand my contacts with the residents and community partners in other parts NSP 1 area. June there will be a community festival held at Atonement Lutheran Church and School with many community partners and anchors in the neighborhood. Throughout the coming weeks we will continue to meet with and contact area businesses and residents in regards to the West Basin, continue to create Block/Community groups, provide resources and information to residents, coordinate cleanups and neighborhood appreciation celebrations/block parties.

### **Community Events/Initiatives and Partners**

- Complete Streets Meeting
- Silver Spring Neighborhood Center
- Curriculum development @ Clemens
- Community engagement
- Spring cleanups
- River cleanups
- Neighborhood cleanups
- Green tech park plans
- MKE Nutrition and Lead Task
- Safe & Sound
- Surveys
- Neighborhood Appreciation Celebrations
- Milwaukee Police Department
- President Hamilton
- Alderman Rainey
- Promise Zones
- Opportunity Zones
- Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District (Office of Violence Prevention)