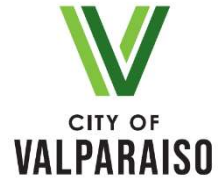


Neighborhood Workshop Agenda

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

5:30pm-7:00pm at Valparaiso City Hall, 166 W Lincolnway



Time	Topic
5:30-6:00pm	Welcome & Introductions • Maggie Clifton, Community Engagement Director, provides an outline of the Workshop purpose and agenda. • Mayor Jon Costas welcomes the group and shares a recap of his recent State of the City Address. • Participants introduce themselves and share a neighborhood update or recent success.
6:00 – 6:15pm	Neighborhood Improvement Grant 2025 Grants of up to \$20,000 are available to neighborhood groups for physical improvement projects. Learn more about the 2025 Neighborhood Improvement Grant Guidelines as you consider applying before the March 1 deadline.
6:15 – 6:40pm	Creative and Artistic Grant Project Ideas Jessica Corral, Valparaiso Creative Council’s Executive Director, will share examples of creative neighborhood placemaking ideas. Get inspired and consider a colorful grant opportunity to take back to your neighborhood.
6:40 – 6:50pm	Valparaiso Community Conference Join us for a Community Conference to build connections, enhance local knowledge and explore opportunities to get involved in Valpo. Thursday, April 17 from noon-5pm at Valparaiso University
6:50-7:00pm	Evaluation & Wrap-up

Purpose: Neighborhood Workshops provide an opportunity for neighborhood representatives to connect, learn from each other and become more familiar with available neighborhood services. The goal is to increase communication and relationships with neighborhood groups, as well as provide a forum for peer learning and information sharing to enhance the capacity of our local neighborhood groups.

Please RSVP to Maggie Clifton, Community Engagement Director, if you plan to attend. Email mclifton@valpo.us or call 219-462-1161 ext. 3356.