

Neighbors of Belknap Lookout Board Meeting
Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2017
Belknap Commons
6pm

1. Call to order
2. Additions to agenda
3. Presentations
 - a. Challenge Scholars
 - b. City Parks – Dave M
 - c. ~~DTN~~
4. Approval of minutes/financials
5. Committee updates
 - a. GVSU
 - b. Development
6. New Business:
 - a. Neighborhood Matching Fund
 - b. Update bank account
7. Old business:
 - a. Formation of parking committee
 - b. PILOT
 - i. Acquiring funds from City
 - ii. Report out on spending options
 - iii. Decide on current year spending
 - c. Charles Belknap statue move
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017

Board Members Present: Rob Kennedy Loretta Klimaszewski Barbara LaBeau
Todd Leinberger John Skryski Loren Sturrus
Johnathan Swets Gretchen Warnimont

Board Members Absent: Jayne Johnson

Staff Present: Kristi DeKraker

Guests Present: Elianna Bootzin Angel Gonzalez Andy Guy

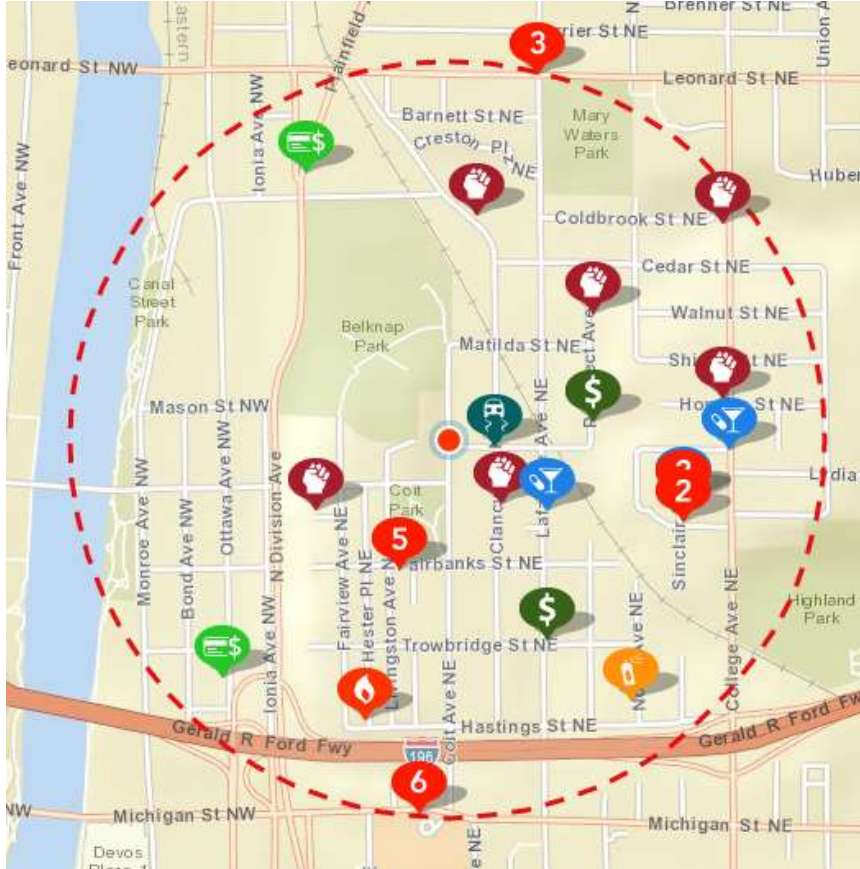
1. Call to order – Barbara called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.
2. Additions to agenda – The Board agreed to go into executive session to discuss the candidates for the executive director position. The session concluded with a secret ballot.
3. Presentation by Angel Gonzalez regarding Coit Square – Angel provided a number of new drawings showing a revision from 4plexes to twelve 2 unit, 2 story buildings with a mixture of traditional and (more expensive) modern architectural designs. This brings the number of units to 36 instead of the previously planned 39 (compared to the current 11 buildings); there will be 31 parking places build as part of the project and another 9 will be picked up on the street. In terms of materials, the project will use fiber cement, basic windows, no vinyl siding except facing the alley, and wood/brick/aluminum. Any of the buildings could be built as a single family home. There will be a series of townhomes on the other side of the block. Each unit will cost \$250,000+. Despite one individual’s preference for traditional to modern architecture, Gretchen motioned and John seconded that the board support Angel’s changes. The motion passed.
4. Approval of minutes/financials – It was noted that the Development committee needs a time frame stated; in addition, our assets need to be updated to reflect the new value of 700 Clancy. Gretchen motioned and Loren seconded approval of minutes/financials. The motion passed.
5. Committee Updates: GVSU Block 1 – The board discussed GVSU’s intention to build a parking ramp in the neighborhood. It was determined that the neighbors should have a chance to learn about and give input on multiple options at the open house on March 13, and committee members will advise GVSU accordingly.
6. New Business: Parking – The board discussed DTN’s intention to add cut out parking spaces at the Gateway. Angel proposed convening a mobility committee to look at parking, pedestrian and other transportation needs holistically in the neighborhood. Andy Guy provided additional information. Barbara will seek a meeting with Josh Naramore in the City’s Mobility Department.
7. Old Business: In-Lieu of Tax Project Ideas – Barbara learned from Eric DeLong at the City that the Coit Park bathroom will take more than a single year’s PILOT money to renovate/rebuild. However, the park is in the City budget for FY2019 (summer 2018); she will begin exploring planning possibilities. Loretta and John will seek additional information from the Land Bank about the feasibility of gardening in the greenspace on Sinclair; assuming all goes well, they will follow up with neighbors to gauge interest.
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment – Barbara wrapped up the meeting by offering the executive director position to Elianna Bootzin, who accepted. The meeting was adjourned around 7:30 pm.

Director's Notes

Public Safety – www.grcity.us Online services → (Lookup) Crime Data

Destination is <http://grcity.us/police-department/Pages/Crime-Mapping.aspx>

Selected dates 2/13/17-3/12/17 with ½ mile circle unfortunately losing the corners



In the recent end of that range, JP says it's pretty quiet except for several calls to a domestic dispute on Fairbanks. Down in Monroe North, a couple of signs have been stolen and kids skateboarded on a roof.

Development – www.grcity.us Online Services → (Permits & Applications) Permits & Applications Map
Lots of little projects – people getting new roofs, new water heaters.

More significantly (though I don't remember if I pulled just February or mid-Feb to mid-March):

1140 Monroe NW – restaurant renovation in review

123 Newberry also pulled their permit to begin building

Admin

Getting acquainted with people, information and processes:

Other neighborhood associations, the City, GVSU, Coit School, submitted GRPD background check

Hoping to actually start introducing myself to neighbors block by block this week

Reviewing board books, finances, poker records; writing checks and responding to vendor needs

Started volunteer recruitment for tutoring/mentoring program