



## Neighbors Of Belknap Lookout

### Annual Report 2016

#### OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

##### Public Safety

We're here to help you feel comfortable with and get what you need from the Grand Rapids Police Department. In 2016, staff:

- Organized "Coffee with a Cop" in cooperation with the Creston Plaza social worker; neighbors met Community Police Officer JP Guerrero, shared their concerns, & learned about current issues.
- Organized National Night Out, where several dozen residents interacted with safety personnel as well as enjoyed refreshments and learned about developments going on in the neighborhood.
- Assisted with Shop with a Hero, where school kids picked out holiday presents with met Community Police Officer JP Guerrero.
- Helped neighbors solve a variety of problems with the GRPD.

##### Neighborhood Leadership Development

Our Development Committee consists of concerned residents & construction professionals who push developers to choose high quality materials and techniques to showcase aesthetic designs in new construction in our neighborhood. They impacted the following developments in 2016: Newberry Place expansion, 613 & 617 Fairview, 1001 Monroe construction and NEZ, 600 Coit, and allowing alcohol at the new City Built Brewing on Monroe.

New, ad-hoc committees secured a benchmark of 70% affordable housing in the GVSU RFP for block 2 and guided the master plan process. All of our neighbors had the opportunity to impact the completed design for the first GVSU building at 500 Lafayette & the beginning of the planning process for their Belknap campus.

#### Other

Neighbors got rid of 7 dumpsters of trash during September's Dumpster Day, and saw previous plans come to fruition in the renovation of Mary Waters Park and the construction of the Coit/Hastings Linear Parkway. We also secured an in-kind grant for computers for the community to use!

#### FINANCIALS:

##### A City of Grand Rapids Community Development funded Program:

\$31,725.51 received and spent from the City of Grand Rapids' passed thru CDBG funds for public safety and neighborhood leadership development.

**Other operating funds:** ~\$2,500 net proceeds from poker events, minimal donations. \$1050 deposit/first month's rent on upper unit posted as asset.

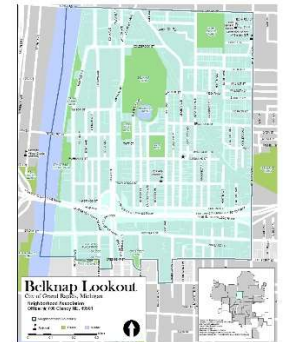
**Capital projects:** received and spent most of \$50,000 grant from Dyer Ives Foundation to renovate office and upper unit at 700 Clancy. Received additional \$50,000 grant from Dyer Ives Foundation to cover our portion of the Coit/Hastings Linear Parkway which has not yet been invoiced.

**Assets:** 700-704 Clancy building & lot; \$12,000 prior grants for Linear Park.

(Classification subject to change pending conversation with accountant.)

#### WHO WE ARE:

The Neighbors of Belknap Lookout (NOBL) is an independent, democratic association that gives all residents an active voice in affecting the quality of life in the community. Property owners and businesses are members as well. Our community is proud to be culturally and economically diverse and socially conscious. We depend on each other to keep our neighborhood strong, safe and beautiful.



Board members for 2016: Barbara LaBeau (Chair), Loren Sturuss (Vice Chair), Jayne Johnson (Secretary), Gretchen Warnimont (Treasurer), Angel Gonzalez, Loretta Klimaszewski, Todd Leinberger, John Skryski

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