

Neighbors of Belknap Lookout Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2018; Mingle & Eat - 6:30 pm; Agenda Begins – 6:45 pm
Coit Creative Arts Academy

1. Welcome
2. Brief Statements from NOBL Board Candidates/Vote for 3 Open Seats
3. Guest Presentation: Opportunities for Involvement at Coit School – Abby Clayton, KSSN
4. Guest Presentation: Hastings Connector – Rick DeVries, City of Grand Rapids
5. Q&A if desired to augment display: GVSU Campus – Pat Waring, GVSU
6. Development Details: Coit Square – Jason Vos, RJM
7. Development Details: Mixed Income Housing on Trowbridge – Brad Rosely, Third Coast
8. Announcement of Curb Appeal Contest Winner / Thanks to Outgoing Board Members
9. Announcement of New Board Members / General Meeting Conclusion
10. Board Business Items: Vote on Endorsement of Developments for Planning Commission & Authorization of Signatories for LMCU

Neighbors of Belknap Lookout Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Board Members Present:	Brian Bremer	Steve Faas	Rob Kennedy
	Loretta Klimaszewski	Barbara LaBeau	Todd Leinberger
	Loren Sturrrus	Jonathan Swets	
Board Members Absent:	Jill Gonzalez		
Staff Present:	Elianna Bootzin		
Guests Present:	See attendance sheet		

GVSU – Chris Swank spoke about upcoming construction on the ramp on Michigan, the 333 Michigan academic building, and the Thursday July 19 open house from 5-8 pm for the Raleigh J. Finkelstein building at 500 Lafayette.

Crosswalk Ordinance Presentation – Elianna mentioned that drivers must now stop, not yield, for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Safety Tips – GRPD Crime Prevention Coordinator Julie Niemchick spoke about the new victim assistance unit which is seeking volunteers for extensive training.

Organization Goals - Board members spoke about a variety of small scale current projects, highlighted three major public space goals for the organization which will depend on larger entities for completion: construction of the Hastings Connector and Linear Park, a better way down Belknap Hill, and improved pedestrian connections to businesses on Michigan and Plainfield; noted that some progress has been made on issues raised by residents last fall: year round trash cans at Coit Park (part of this summer’s renovation), a USPS mailbox at Coit and Hastings (there may be a way to demonstrate it will be used; there is one inside Spectrum on the south side of Michigan), a dog park (request it during the park redesign process this summer), better dog poop pickup (see mailer); and further encouraged participation in park planning for Belknap and Lookout Parks this summer, among other topics.

NOBL Board Candidates for Term Ending December 2021

Robin Benton - I was born and raised in Grand Rapids and I returned to Michigan from Asheville, NC last year. My interest in serving on the Board for NOBL is a commitment to Community work. I am a Veteran of the Air Force, I am disabled. I return to Grand Rapids with experience in Community Organizing around Human Rights and Racial Equity issues. I am a member of Center for the Study of White American Culture. <http://www.euroamerican.org/> I served on the US Human Rights CERD Task Force during the last Reporting Period. I participated in developing a Shadow Report for submission to the United Nations. I have been involved with the Peoples Institute training and organizing for 2 decades. <https://www.pisab.org/>. My Education background is in Business Administration and Labor Studies. I believe I can be an asset to your organization.

Jackie Dawson - I have previous experience on a board mostly in fundraising and special events. I've been loving my neighborhood since I moved in a year ago. I have extra time since I'm semi-retired. And decided it was time to get involved and promote the area.

Todd Leinberger (current Board Vice Chair) - I am excited to collectively navigate our future. I support the young people in our neighborhood and I considered it a privilege to play a role in bringing a day camp for two summers to Coit Creative Arts Academy. I have over 16 years of nonprofit leadership and management experience, and look forward to continue using it to better our neighborhood.

Dan Miller - I would like to keep my neighbors apprised of what's going on in the area (parking issues, development, crime, etc.) and, as I learn about these issues, to offer my own and my neighbors' input.

Membership is now free, but we still need your help!



NOBL needs to install two new furnaces this fall to keep our affordable housing tenant and neighborhood association visitors warm this winter. Every dollar you give, whether you can afford \$5, \$50 or \$500, makes a difference! Please use the envelope provided to make a gift by cash or check today, or visit www.belknaplookout.org/join or see Elianna to give by credit card.