



Neighbors Of Belknap Lookout

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, November 13, 2023

LOCATION: Coit Arts Academy

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lara Dengerink Van Til (Chair), Ben Malloy (Vice Chair), Ellie Walborn-Henry (Secretary), Scott Huebl (Treasurer), Marshall Grate, Dan Miller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Kara Harrison Gates, Brandon Ryan

STAFF PRESENT: Kristina Colby

GUESTS: 47+

- I. Board Chair, Lara Dengerink Van Til, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
- II. Lara welcomed attendees, acknowledged current board members, and expressed gratitude to former Executive Director Elianna Bootzin for her 6 years of service.
- III. Executive Director, Kristina Colby, introduced herself and provided an overview of NOBL: What it does, its mission, vision, values, and focus areas.
- IV. Lara highlighted NOBL/Belknap's highlights from 2023.
- V. Board Treasurer, Scott Huebl, provided a financial review of the last year.
- VI. Board Vice Chair, Ben Malloy, led the Board Election for four vacant seats. Two candidates, Scott Huebl and Dustin Lautenbach, had applied online and were listed on the ballot. Two additional candidates, Tom Ralston and Cameron Jones, nominated themselves from the floor. 32 ballots were received, and all four candidates were elected to the board.

- VII. Community resources provided quick updates: Kent County Health Department, Grand Rapids Fire Department, Catherine's Health Center, Urban League of West Michigan, New Development corp, Green Home Institute, Silva, Chicago Beef Joint, Coit Arts Academy.
- VIII. Kristina provided an overview of NOBL's rough plans for 2024: Neighborhood beautification, workshops, community building-events, community garden
- IX. Community Engagement portion - Using the "sticky dot" exercise, attendees were asked to identify their top three interests. Topics that attendees ranked most important included: Affordable Housing, Residential Development, Access to the top/bottom of the hill, Walking/biking safety, and Parks
- X. Ben hosted a "door prize drawing" of Sweetland Git Cards
- XI. Kristina shared the link to NOBL's new donation portal:
BelknapLookout.org/Donate
- XII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm