

City of Albion
City Council Meeting
May 1, 2017

I. Call To Order

Mayor Brown opened the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

II. Moment of Silence To Be Observed

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

PRESENT: Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Sonya Brown (3), Marcola Lawler (4) Jeanette Spicer (5), Andrew French (6) and Mayor Brown.

Staff Present: Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Stacey Levin, Assistant City Manager; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Scott Kipp, Chief Public Safety; Jason Kern, Deputy Chief of Public Safety and Tom Mead, Finance Director.

V. Mayor & Council Member's Comments

Comments were received from Council Members Brown and French.

VI. Presentations

A. EDC Quarterly Update-Amy Deprez-(see attached presentation)

Comments were received from Council Members Lawler, Barnes, Spicer and Brown.

B. Oaklawn Hospital Update-Richard Lindsay

Richard Lindsay presented the following update on Oaklawn Hospital:

- Oaklawn Hospital held their 2017 Benefit Auction in March and raised \$100,000
- May 20th, 2017 they will host the Oaklawn Hospitality Classic // 10k - 5k - Fun Run
- Oaklawn Facebook page features a virtual tour link
- WWMT is producing weekly "Health Matters" segments in conjunction with Oaklawn
- Approval of the Rural Health Grant is still pending. If approved, meetings may be held at the Washington-Gardner school building.

- Job opportunities are available at Oaklawn and may be viewed online at www.oaklawnhospital.org
- The Dialysis Center in Albion is up and running. Previous issues with insurance and transportation have been resolved.

C. Albion-Marshall Resilient Communities Project-Linda LaNoue

Linda LaNoue and Steven Houtshilt presented the following information to the Mayor and Council on the Albion-Resilient Communities:

- The project was born out of the work done within the schools over the past four years as Albion and Marshall Students began to attend school together. This is to help the adults in our communities to enter into dialogue with one another to aid in the process of healing.
- The project will include a variety of opportunities throughout the year for people to engage one another through field trips, movie screenings, book discussions, fellowship, the arts, workshops and community conversations.
- The goal is to cultivate a culture of understanding, respect and dignity for one another. In doing so, we will transform our communities into a vibrant place where all children and families can flourish.
- Some of the events scheduled are:
 - Community Conversations-Thursday, May 11th, 2017 and Thursday, June 1st, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ludington Center, 101 N. Superior St.
 - Guided Tour of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History- Saturday, May 13th, 2017 8am-5pm (transportation and lunch provided)
 - Free movie screening-"Traces of the Trade"-Tuesday, May 16th, 2017 from 6-9 p.m. at the Bohm Theatre.
 - Free guided field trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center, Farmington Hills (transportation provided) Wednesday, June 17th, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Comments were received from Council Members Brown, Lawler and Spicer.

D. Proclamation for 2017 National Day of Prayer-Pastor Steve Williams

Mayor Brown read aloud the 2017 National Day of Prayer and presented to Pastor Steve Williams, Grace Temple Church.

Pastor Steve Williams stated the National Day of Prayer will be held on the steps of City Hall on Thursday, May 4th, 2017 from 12:00 until 1:00. He thanked the local pastors, Mayor and City Council for their support.

Comments were received Council Member French.

- E. History of Cass Street and Renaming Request-Allison Harnish (see attached presentation)

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes and Brown and Mayor Brown.

- VII. Public Comments (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to **agenda items only** and to no more than three (3) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

Comments were received from Wayne Arnold, 906 Hall Street.

Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Table Agenda Items to Allow Comments from Calhoun County Commission Gary Tompkins. (7-0, vv)

Comments were received from Calhoun County Commissioner Gary Tompkins.

French moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to Bring Agenda Items Back. (7-0, vv)

- VIII. Consent Calendar (VV)

- A. Approval Study Session Minutes – April 12, 2017
- B. Approval Regular Session Minutes-April 17, 2017
- C. Approval Study Session Minutes-April 17, 2017
- D. Approval Study Session Minutes-April 22, 2017
- E. Approval Study Session Minutes-April 24, 2017

French moved, Reid supported, CARRIED, to approve the Consent as presented. (7-0, vv)

- IX. Items for Individual Discussion

- A. Discussion Former Albion Malleable/Harvard Site

Council Member Barnes asked to defer this agenda item until which time the Council is able to see a video presentation on the above stated sites.

- B. Request Approval Resolution # 2017-20, A Resolution to Approve Shipping Costs of Free Equipment and Vehicles Acquired Through the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), Department of Defense, Disposition Logistics Agency (RCV)

Comments were received from Council Members Lawler, French, Reid and Brown; City Manager Mitchell; Mayor Brown and Deputy Chief Jason Kern.

French moved, Barnes supported, CARRIED, to approve Resolution # 2017-20, A Resolution to Approve Shipping Costs of Free Equipment and Vehicles Acquired through the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), Department of Defense, Disposition Logistics Agency as presented. (7-0, rcv)

C. Request Approval of Council & City Manager Goals (RCV)

Comments were received from Mayor Brown.

Brown moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Approve Council & City Manager Goals as presented. (7-0, rcv)

D. City Manager Report (see attached City Manager Report)

Comments were received from Council Members French and Brown.

E. Future Agenda Items

- ❖ Council Member Brown would like the Council Rules of Procedure added to the next agenda.
- ❖ Council Member Brown would like the renaming of Cass Street added to a future agenda.
- ❖ Council Member Spicer would like street replacement signs added to the next agenda.
- ❖ Council Member Reid would like Holland Park and Juneteenth presentations added to the next agenda.
- ❖ Mayor Brown suggested creating a sub-committee for the Council Rules & Procedures.

Comments were received from Council Members Lawler, French and Barnes requesting clarification on the sub-committee for the Council Rules & Procedures.

F. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s) (VV)

No action was necessary as all members were present.

X. Public Comments (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

Comments were received from Mary Slater, 517 E. Michigan Avenue; Stacey Levin, Assistant City Manager; Mike Bearman, 11016 29 Mile Rd; Richard Lindsay, Marshall, Michigan; Mayor Brown and City Manager Mitchell.

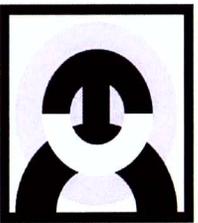
XI. Adjournment

Barnes moved, Spicer supported, CARRIED, to adjourn council session. (7-0 vv)

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk



Quarterly Update - 1st Qtr 2017

Mission: Retain, expand and recruit business and industry to the greater Albion area and strengthen and revitalize the local economy.

Business Development, Attraction & Retention

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	YTD
Retention Contacts	5				5
Prospect RFP	9				9
Prospect Activity	3				3
Entrepreneurship - Small Business	25				25

Community Development

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	YTD
Development Contacts	25				25

Highlights:

- Partnership with SBDC, offering 1 on 1 free counseling in Albion 1-2 days a month
- Partnership with SBDC and sponsorship by Homestead Savings, held a Starting a Restaurant or Food Business Workshop (33 registered)
- Marketing:
 - Developed asset sheets for marketing and a document highlighting the recent developments, the programs leveraged and the community involvement.
 - Organized a Community Marketing Group with an initial focus on shared branding with community partners.
 - Started development of customized pitch packet to proactively attract grocery store
 - Joint EPA Application for environmental assistance for Harvard site.
 - Peabody Project received letter of interest for CDBG for approximately \$800,000
- Albion Food Hub:
 - Website and logo development underway, target to be completed within 60 days.
 - Submitted 2 grant applications to supplement Farmer's Market and Aggregation Exchange system.
 - 4 re-occurring clients at various stages of business growth or development.
- Applied for re-certification for the Albion Industrial Park.
- Updated the 2017 Albion Industrial Guide.
- Toured redevelopment sites and corridors with John Tracy.
- AEDC Board championed Eaton Street Corridor, sub-committee met to develop strategy.
- Worked with City on the Comprehensive Plan, Redevelopment Ready Certification and the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Albion Redevelopment Corporation
 - Developing a strategic redevelopment plan for Downtown Albion to be presented to ARC Board of Directors within 45 days including funding sources.
 - Defined a process for commercial businesses interested in leasing ARC space in the Downtown. Process includes a Development Review Board that the City would participate in.

Albion Embraces Redevelopment

Vibrant and resilient, Albion is eager to partner on your growing your business.

Coming soon....

The Peabody Project

Local residents, Bill & Karen Dobbins, have introduced to the community a **\$1.7 million mixed-use development project** in one of the oldest buildings in downtown Albion. The building was named after the first settlers and was erected in 1852. The Dobbins have put in place a team of experts to revitalize the vacant building into first floor commercial space and market rate apartments on the second and third floor. The City of Albion is supportive of this project and has received a letter of interest from the MEDC for up to \$800,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds as part of the project financing. Additionally, the community will enter into a tax sharing agreement allowing the Dobbins to be reimbursed for some of the development costs, while allowing the community to benefit from the tax revenue.



Coming soon....

Albion Malleable Brewing Company

Beer enthusiasts, Ben Wade, Charles Moreau and John Grant and the New Albion Impact Group (NAIG), a group of local investors, will be opening a **microbrewery and taproom** in late Summer, early Fall 2017. The projected **\$1 million** project will occupy 3,600 square feet of a currently vacant facility located at the gateway to the downtown from the South at the corner of South Superior and Ash Street. The Brewery will have food service and future plans include café seating on the sidewalk, wine making and expanding as demand requires. The project will require approximately 15 full time employees when

operational. The Brewery also has plans to partner with the Albion Food Hub & Commercial Kitchen for some of the food preparation aspects to maximize output and minimize the expense of a commercial kitchen at this time. The Albion Food Hub is located within walking distance of the brew pub.

Coming soon....

Albion Downtown Courtyard by Marriot

A partnership between Albion College, college alumni and the City/Community, resulted in a **\$9.2 million 72 room boutique hotel** being constructed right across from the historic Bohm Theater and in the middle of a downtown on the cusp of being revitalized. The hotel will feature a restaurant, conference rooms and a ballroom and anticipates opening in late Fall 2017. The project, being lead by Albion College alumnus Dr. Samuel Shaheen and Shaheen Development, received a \$1 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and nearly \$1 million in additional funds from the City of Albion Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to prepare the site for the build. Additionally, Albion College invested \$4 million as part of the financing for the project.



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Lights, Camera, Action - Take II

Historic Bohm Theatre – Redevelopment & Expansion

For more than 30 years local arts groups had worked to acquire the Bohm Theatre but the cost to acquire and renovate prohibited it from moving forward. The theatre stopped operation in November 2008 and in 2010 it tax reverted to the County. At that time, the Albion Community Foundation and the Albion Downtown Development Authority joined forces and formed the Friends of the Bohm Theatre. It soon became evident that there was enough community support to restore and revitalize the historic theatre and restoration began in September 2011. The theatre reopened in Fall 2014. In May 2015 the Bohm Theatre was awarded the prestigious Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation.

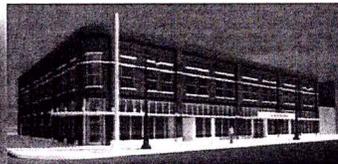
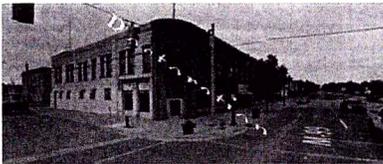


The theatre has been an economic driver for downtown Albion, has created a sense of place and serves as an anchor which helped attract the Marriott Courtyard hotel project and the coming brew pub. Building on its growth and success, the Bohm Theatre expanded its programming operations by adding an intimate 40-seat screening room in the adjoining building. The project received a \$50,000 matching grant from the MEDC and MSHDA after raising the matching funds through their Patronicity crowd funding campaign.

Albion College Continues to Invest in Community

Harrington Neighborhood Redeveloped

In February 2016, a \$1 million gift from a college alumnus made a long-term housing development strategy a reality by allowing the College to offer financial incentives designed to attract college faculty and staff to live near campus, as well as provide financial support for students. For Judy and Michael Harrington, the memories of selfless parents and a top-flight education at Albion College spurred them to make the gift to the school that has meant so much to them over the years. The neighborhood being targeted for redevelopment by this project connects the campus with Downtown Albion and will promote a living and learning community that will complement the many other exciting projects and investments happening in Albion.



The Ludington Center

Through generous donations of more than \$2 million from alumni and private foundations, Albion College has renovated a two-story building at 101 N. Superior St. in the heart of downtown Albion. The Ludington Center is the result of a new Albion College president and a renewed vision for the role Albion College plays in our community, our state, and our region. It

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will be the public space that embodies the College's commitment to our host community. Most important, prospective students, alumni, and partners will see that Albion College is hands-on, and that we embrace our mission and founding principles. It is only appropriate that the Ludington Center's physical address also suggests an introductory course in community excellence—101 Superior, a place where the classroom and the community intersect.

The Ludington Center houses the College's Career & Internship Center; offices for several of the College's pre-professional institutes, including the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service and the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management; and, lastly, a downtown space from which to coordinate the Build Albion Fellows and AmeriCorps VISTA service programs. Several classrooms are also located in the building, along with retail space and community meeting spaces. It is planned that community partner organizations, visiting scholars, and experts-in-residence will also have offices in the Ludington Center, from which it is expected new ideas and partnerships will take root and grow.



\$3.5 million Upgrade for Davis Athletic Complex

Albion College has a long and proud tradition of success in intercollegiate athletics. This tradition is now turning a new page with the recently completed, multimillion-dollar Davis Athletic Complex, named after Albion residents Bud and Ruby Davis, longtime friends and supporters of the College who generously supported the project along with many other alumni. The new complex serves as the home of Britons baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse. The facility is a wonderful representation of Albion College's commitment to providing a first-class education and athletic experience for its student-athletes as well as a source of pride and entertainment for the greater Albion community.



Albion College Equestrian Center

Albion College's Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center is a full-service, state-of-the-art riding facility built on 340 acres of undulating land. Albion College finished construction on an impressive new \$1.8 million arena in the summer of 2016. In addition to providing equestrians in Albion with a state-of-the-art indoor facility, both students and community members are invited to board

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their horses in one of 80 stalls and to ride on the trails that wind through the 340 acres surrounding the arena. The new facility is one of the largest on any college campus in the country, and it is designed for hosting regional equestrian events that will bring thousands of visitors to Albion in the coming years. The multiphase plan for the Equestrian Center includes new paddocks and outdoor show arenas that will turn it into a regional showpiece and economic driver for Albion.

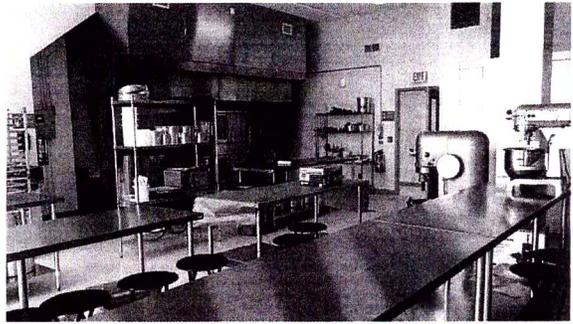
College Brings AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) to Albion

Albion College has made a commitment to the community through writing and receiving an AmeriCorps VISTA grant, which allowed 11 VISTA members to work with the College and City in 2016 & 2017 to boost economic development, education and health initiatives.

Albion Food Hub Opened Spring 2016

Albion Food Hub

The Albion Food Hub is a unique partnership that took a blighted downtown building and repurposed it into a hub of the community bringing public and private together. The \$600,000 rehabilitation and construction of a commercial kitchen was completed in early Spring 2016. In addition to the commercial kitchen aspect, the Food Hub provides for a year round Farmer's Market, a food aggregation and exchange and assists in improving food security through participation and coordination with local food charities and agencies. The commercial kitchen allows for small businesses to lower costs to create and sustain food-related businesses and encourages entrepreneurship through the kitchen incubator.



The Albion Food Hub seeks to partner with food-based businesses to promote growth in Albion.

The City of Albion Being Proactive for Redevelopment

Redevelopment Ready Certification

The City of Albion is actively engaged in the Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Program offered through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Albion is adopting best practices in its zoning regulations, its development review policies and procedures, and in the marketing of priority redevelopment sites. By streamlining its development processes, the City is looking to improve the experience for investors and businesses looking to invest in Albion. In addition, Albion is working to increase the bandwidth of its fiber optic infrastructure, in order to increase the efficiency of moving data.

Demand for New Housing...Downtown and Citywide

A recently conducted target market analysis (TMA) reports that there is demand for new rental and for sale housing units in and around the downtown Albion. Between now and 2022, an estimated 432 housing units could be absorbed in the area. New housing products could range from loft apartments, duplexes, townhouses, and live/work spaces to single-family houses. Albion College has made it a top priority to launch a long-term housing development strategy

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with financial incentives designed to attract people to live and either rent or purchase residential dwellings in the downtown area. The City of Albion and its key stakeholders are taking the steps necessary to build a high-density, walkable downtown, including apartments above commercial spaces, that provides easy access to amenities like the Albion River Trail.

Trail Town Designation

The City of Albion has been recognized by the Michigan Department of Resources (DNR) as the “hub” for Michigan trails. Two national walking and biking trails – the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST) and the Great Lake-to-Lake Trail – along with Michigan’s Iron Belle Trail converge at Albion’s historic Victory Park, one of Albion’s 17 scenic parks. In addition, Albion was awarded a \$294,000 Trust Fund Grant from the DNR to expand the Albion River Trail. The trail will extend past the newly-renovated Albion College Equestrian Center.

The City recognizes the importance of the community’s trails as an asset and seeks to be designated as a Trail Town. Trails would have signage posted that would allow for promoting and identifying the amenities and attractions that would be of interest to trail users at access points.

Only in Albion – Quality of Life full of Arts and Music

Albion has a growing culture that supports the arts and music and many unique festivals and special events that happen only in Albion:

- Festival of the Forks
- Albion Aglow
- French Market
- Summer and Winter Farmers Market
- Kanoe the Kazoo (on the River)
- Krazy for the Kazoo River Cleanup
- The Blues at the Bohm Theatre
- Schuler Arts Studio and many local artists
- Outdoor Music events – Music at the Shell; Walk the Beat; Jazz at Cascarelli’s
- Live @ Lloyds
- 58-mazzilion churches in town & “The Old Rugged Cross”
- Holland Park
- Victory Park’s disc golf course
- Fourth of July Cruise In and Fireworks
- Mother’s Day
- And so much more!

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May 17, 2017

8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins
at 7:45 a.m.

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Ludington Center

101 N. Superior Street
Albion, MI 49224

Agenda:

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| 7:45 - 8:00 a.m. | Registration & Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00 - 8:10 a.m. | Welcome & Introductions |
| 8:10 - 8:20 a.m. | Filling Hard to Fill Jobs
MEDC Talent Services |

Breakout / Roundtable Discussions

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| 8:25 - 8:45 a.m. | Higher Education as Your Partner |
| 8:50 - 9:10 a.m. | Funding....Paying for Skills |
| 9:15 - 9:35 a.m. | Demystifying Apprenticeships |
| 9:40 - 10:00 a.m. | Futuristic View of the Emerging Workforce
Chris Walden, Michigan Works |
| 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. | Networking / One on One with the Resources |

Panelists:

Albion College, Michigan Works, KCC, RMTTC, MEDC Talent Services,
Upjohn Institute, Department of Labor, & Michigan HRDI.

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4/22/2017

Council Member Andrew French and City Manager Sheryl Mitchell
Albion City Hall
112 W. Cass St.
Albion, MI 49224

Greetings, Dr. Mitchell and Dr. French,

This letter is to inform you about a project that Albion College students and I have been working on along with Shelby Jouppi, a producer at WDET radio station in Detroit. This project was initiated this semester with my ANTH/HIST 256: Native North America class, and I am hoping to resume the project with my ANTH 343: Theory and Method in Anthropology class in fall. As part of a broader lesson on the history of settler colonialism and the significance of naming, students in ANTH/HIST 256 began exploring the history of Lewis Cass, the first territorial governor of Michigan after whom a number of places in our state are named. For instance, in Albion and in Traverse City, there is a Cass Street. In Bay City, Grand Rapids, and Detroit, there is a Cass Avenue. There's the Cass Cliff on Mackinac Island and The Lewis Cass Building in Lansing. Around the state, we have Cass County, Cassopolis, Cass Lake, and Cass River. And in Detroit, there is the Cass Corridor, Cass Park, and Lewis Cass Technical High School. While the students are exploring Cass's history, Shelby is investigating how it came to pass that some of these places acquired their names in the first place. She is also attempting to uncover any previous efforts by Michigan citizens to lobby for name changes.

Cass was a Brigadier General in the War of 1812. He served as an aide to General William Henry Harrison at the Battle of Thames, the infamous battle at which the celebrated Shawnee leader Tecumseh was killed. After his military victories, Cass was appointed military and civil governor of Michigan Territory from 1813-31. As territorial governor, Cass oversaw a number of Indigenous land cessions. Letters from Cass's tenure as governor show he was a slave owner and an ardent racist.

From 1831-1836, Cass served as Secretary of War under President Andrew Jackson. It is important to note that, during this period in US history, one of the primary duties of the Secretary of War was dealing by all means necessary with the "Indian problem." Throughout history the United States government has pursued a number of different strategies in its dealings with Indigenous peoples ranging from outright genocide to coercive assimilation. The period from 1830-1850 is characterized by scholars of US Indian policy as "The Removal Period." As Secretary of War, Cass implemented the Indian Removal Act and oversaw the coerced migration of tens of thousands of Native Americans from their ancestral homelands in the eastern United States to territories west of the Mississippi River. Some four thousand Cherokee died on the Trail of Tears from starvation, exposure, and disease. During this time, Cass also designed and supervised the Indian Vaccination Act. Since smallpox threatened federal removal programs, Cass offered selective protection on a limited basis to tribes the US government wanted to relocate; other tribes, such as the Mandan, were systematically excluded, leading to a loss of 90% of their tribe during the smallpox epidemic of 1837.

Later in his career, Cass served as minister to France, was twice a U.S. senator representing Michigan (1845-48, 1849-57), Secretary of State under President James Buchanan (1857-60), and twice an unsuccessful candidate for president. As a senator, Cass supported the Doctrine of Popular Sovereignty, which suggested that American settlers living in western territories should get to vote on whether or not to allow slavery. This idea inspired a rush by pro- and anti-slavery settlers to migrate to Kansas in order to sway the vote. The violence and intimidation that ensued, known as Bleeding Kansas, pushed the nation toward civil war. While the doctrine of popular sovereignty has been described by some as a failed compromise strategy, at its core that strategy was racist—it was empowering one group of people with the decision of whether or not they should be allowed to own and exploit another group of people. In exploring this later chapter of his career, students' also found that as Secretary of State, Cass denied passports to black scholars and abolitionists like John S. Rock. As a senator, Cass supported the Fugitive Slave Law (aka the "Bloodhound Law"), which denied trial to any person claimed as property by a slave owner and required citizens of free states to cooperate in the return of runaway slaves to their abusive masters.

This assignment—which asked students to research the history of an individual for whom a main artery of our city and our campus is named—is part of a broader conversation that is unfolding in communities and campuses across the US. The 2015 shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina has reinvigorated demands for the removal of monuments dedicated to prominent pro-slavery and Confederate States figures. This year, Yale announced that the university's Calhoun College will be renamed to honor Grace Murray Hopper, an alumna who was a pioneering mathematician and computer scientist who helped transform the way people use technology. Last year, Harvard Law School changed its shield because it incorporated elements from a slaveholding family's coat of arms. Georgetown University literally funded itself in the 1800s with the sale of hundreds of slaves and is now atoning for this history by conferring an advantage in the admissions process to those slaves' descendants. At the University of North Carolina, officials recently renamed a hall that had honored a leader of the Ku Klux Klan. In April of 2016, leaders at Princeton University chose not to remove the name of Woodrow Wilson as protesters had demanded, and instead pledged to be transparent about his failings, such as his support for segregation, as well as his achievements leading the university and the country.

For this assignment, students were asked to argue which course of action they think is more appropriate for Albion—a name change (as Yale and UNC have elected to do) or a public education campaign (as Princeton is pursuing). All of the nine research teams favored a name change, and all nine also produced a biography of a notable Native American whom they felt is more deserving of the honor of a street name. I am including excerpts from their work below:

- “Names often go unnoticed in today’s society. They are a visible fact of life, present on every street, every building, every county, but where do they come from? Places are often named after notable people of their time...While many of these people were seen as heroes in their own time, today their acts may not seem so heroic.” This group proposed that Cass Street should be renamed after Cora Reynolds Anderson, the first woman elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. Anderson was of Ojibwe descent and, as of 2014, she is thought to be the only Native American woman ever to have served in Michigan’s legislature.

- “Although Cass may have represented Michigan in terms of the U.S. government, he certainly did not represent it well.” Indeed, Cass became very unpopular in the North on account of his opposition to anti-slavery groups and his support for popular sovereignty. “The harmful actions and words expressed by Lewis Cass over the years he served as a politician and statesman are rather grotesque and absolutely unworthy of praise. Showcasing the name ‘Cass’ continues the long perpetuation of erasure of Native American histories and communities by giving recognition to a man who, evidently, did more harm than good.”
- “It makes no sense to glorify a brutal man by naming a street after him. It would be reasonable if the greatest athlete of all time received the street name.” This group proposed that Cass Street be renamed after Jim Thorpe, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation who is considered by many to be the greatest athlete of the twentieth century and the greatest multi-sport athlete of all time. In 1912 Thorpe won Olympic gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon. He played minor and major league baseball, was an All American college football player, a star professional football player, and first president of the American Professional Football Association, which later became the NFL.
- “Naming a street after someone is a way to honor someone, and cement them into the culture of the area, and Lewis’ Cass’s legacy should not be one that the city of Albion represents. I propose that we not only explain to the city why Lewis Cass is undeserving of the street name, but that we rename the street in honor of a Michigander more deserving who better embodies American ideals: Magdelaine Laframboise.” Laframboise was a French and Ottawa businesswoman who managed several trading posts in western Michigan. She “eventually retired on Mackinac Island where she put her wealth into the community through active volunteering... [Her] story fits a classic ‘American Dream’ and doubles as a feminist icon. Not only was she able to be economically successful when it was so hard from an Indian woman to do so at the time, but she also gave back to the communities in which she lived and sheared her wealth with those in need. Her accomplishments outshine those of Lewis Cass and touched more people in a positive way...”
- “We recommend that the street running through the center of [Albion] College be renamed from Cass St.... By associating the city with him, people are led to believe that the city regards Lewis Cass and his actions as admirable. Because of this, Albion should change the name to someone who is truly an American hero. We propose Cass St. be renamed to Hayes St., after Pima Indian Ira Hayes,” who is one of the six US soldiers immortalized in the famous photograph of the flag raising on Iwo Jima. “Hayes embodies everything that Lewis Cass believed a Native American could not be—an American Hero.”
- “Lewis Cass was a significant part of the system of Indian removal. The memorialization of his life in the form of a street-name is a sign of the United States’ problematic approach to our national history—by praising Cass, we ignore the cultural and physical genocide he supported. Changing the name on the street can have a significant effect on the way we remember our local and national history. In an effort to specifically counteract Lewis Cass’s destructive policies and effect on the Michigan Indian community, we argue to replace his name with that of a local Native American. Instead of Cass, who also has little direct connection to the Albion area...we suggest the life of

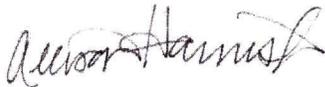
Whap-ka-zeek, a local Potawatomi chief who resided for a long time in the Spring Arbor area.”

- Dr. Betty Kay Givens McGowan (1942-) is a Choctaw and Cherokee Native American who is an internationally renowned human rights advocate and legislator. She is known for her work speaking out against domestic violence, and helped create the Downriver Anti-Rape Effort (DARE) to assist victims of sexual assault. Dr. McGowan is currently a representative of the United Nations, working on the Committee to Eliminate Racial Discrimination. Renaming Cass Street to McGowan Street would change the road map of Albion, putting it on a route that better displays our values.”

A number of other names were floated in the class, and my students and I would be very happy to share them with the City Council and/or the City Manager’s Office. We hope this exercise helps to support some of the ongoing important conversations that citizens of our community and the broader American nation are having about colonialism, race, and racism in U.S. history as well as the violence of erasure and the significance of naming.

Thank you for taking the time to read this summary. I will be very eager to hear back from you and learn how you feel it might be appropriate to proceed.

Kind regards,



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Cora Reynolds Anderson

(1882 - 1950)

*Inducted: 2001 Era: Historical Group: Native American
Area(s) of Achievement: Politics*

Cora Reynolds Anderson was the first woman elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, serving one term from 1925 to 1926. She is also believed to be the only Native American woman elected to the Michigan House or Senate.

While in the House of Representatives, Anderson concentrated on public welfare issues and chaired the Industrial Home for Girls Committee. She was particularly interested in public health issues, especially the fight against alcoholism and tuberculosis. Prior to her term, she had organized the first public health service in Baraga County and was instrumental in securing the county's first public health nurse. She also became actively involved in the Michigan Grange and served as the Upper Peninsula officer.

Anderson was educated as a teacher at the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, which is known today as the Haskell Indian Nations University. She taught school in the Upper Peninsula for several years. At a time when minorities, including Native Americans, were subjected to considerable economic and social discrimination, Anderson's determination to attend college and return the benefits of her education to her community was notable. Her role as educator, legislator, and public health reform leader aided the Native American community as well as the whole of society.

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Magdelaine Laframboise

(1779 - 1846)

Inducted: 1984 *Era: Historical* *Group: Native American*
Area(s) of Achievement: Business

Magdelaine Laframboise was one of the most successful fur traders in what was to become the state of Michigan. As such, she is the most prominent of the early businesswomen in the state for whom we have historical records.

Of French and Indian ancestry, Magdelaine Marcot was raised as an Ottawa and always considered herself an Indian. She wore Indian dress all her life and served as a valuable contact among the tribes for white settlers and other traders.

With her husband, Joseph, Magdelaine built the first trading post in the Grand Rapids area around 1800. Her Ada trading post was the first permanent mercantile establishment in the Grand River valley and was the forerunner of the settlement which became Grand Rapids. After her husband's murder in 1806, Magdelaine continued to manage several trading posts in west Michigan, a business enterprise which reached from the Grand River to Mackinac. For a period of more than 15 years, she was so successful that the powerful American Fur Company found itself unable to compete with her and so convinced her to merge with that company in 1818, following which she retired to Mackinac Island.

Fluent in four languages, Magdelaine became active in church affairs on the island after her retirement in 1821. She paid the salaries of the island priests and donated a large tract of land for St. Anne's church, in consideration for which she was buried beneath the altar, where she rests to this day.

Popular and respected by representatives of two cultures, Magdelaine Laframboise made her mark in a male-dominated world, and she did so by preserving her native heritage. She also viewed the times in realistic perspective, and saw to it that her children were prepared to succeed in a 'white man's' world. They were educated in Montreal, and the daughter married the brother of President Franklin Pierce, while the son carried on the family tradition by becoming a trader in Minnesota.

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Kay Givens McGowan

(1942 -)

Inducted: **2009**

Era: **Contemporary**

Group: **Native American**

Area(s) of Achievement: **Native American Rights, Women's Rights**

Few can claim to have made a difference on a national level. Kay Givens McGowan attained international recognition not once but three times, even helping to draft a United Nations' document relating to indigenous peoples.

McGowan, an American Indian of Choctaw/Cherokee heritage, was a social activist all her life. She helped found First Step, a domestic violence shelter in southeast Michigan, as well as DARE, the Downriver Anti-Rape Effort. The Michigan Citizens Lobby, with McGowan as director, led the successful effort to pass generic drug and auto repair legislation, both regarded as models of progressive public policy. She also coordinated the statewide petition drive to repeal the sales tax on groceries and medications.

While earning a doctorate in anthropology, she began teaching Native Studies and women's studies courses at the University of Toledo, Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University, and Marygrove College. At the latter, she founded the Ethnic Studies program.

In 1995, she was named a delegate to the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women. For a year afterward, she dedicated her time to speaking out about issues that women faced around the globe.

In 2005, as a board member of the National Indian Youth Council, she traveled to Switzerland to represent American Indians at deliberations resulting in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In 2008, she addressed the United Nations' Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

McGowan, an accomplished writer, contributed an essay to the book *Make a Beautiful Way: The Wisdom of Native American Women*.



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MEMO

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FR: Sheryl L. Mitchell, City Manager
DA: May 1, 2017
RE: City Manager's Report

CITY OF ALBION

City Manager

- **MDOT – Superior Street Reconstruction –**
 - MDOT is adding signage to help direct vehicles to parking locations downtown
 - There were 2 incidents that caused water interruptions
 - MDOT Open Houses: 9am at Ludington Center - May 10th, May 24th

Week of May 1, 2017

*2nd Floor
- Conference Room -*

- **M-99 (Superior St) Closed from Ash Street to Michigan Ave**
- **Cass Street to Remain Open**
- **Erie Street to Close End of the Week – for 2 – 3 Days**
- Maintain Access to Business' with Pedestrian Barricades
- Watermain Installation – No Anticipated Service Shut Downs

Week of May 8, 2017

- **M-99 (Superior St) Closed from Ash Street to Michigan Ave**
- **Cass Street to Close Mid Week – for 2 – 3 Days**
- **Erie Street to Remain Open**
- Maintain Access to Business' with Pedestrian Barricades
- Storm Sewer Installation

Finance Department

- City Income Tax Forms are available and can be downloaded from the City website. The deadline for filing City of Albion taxes is today, May 1, 2017.

Assessing

- Would like to schedule an update from the Assessor. Would Council prefer this to be held at a regularly scheduled meeting or work session?

Public Services

- Granger has issued a statement regarding the wording on their invoices. Residents can request to receive invoices without the messages.

Public Safety

- Officer Richard Decker will be retiring on Friday.

Recreation

- **Open swimming** is now being offered on Monday and Wednesday Evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for youth in grades 5-8. There is a \$1.00 fee
- **Water Aerobics** continues on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 -7:30 pm at the Albion Community Center.
- **Open Walking** continues Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 10:00 am at the Albion Community Center. No fee
- **12 U and 14 U Baseball Teams** continue with their practices which have moved outside. Games begin the week of May 1, 2017
- **Dance Exercise** classes continue on Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Teen/Adult Ballet is held on Monday from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and Teen/Adult Modern/Creative Dance is be offered on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.
- **Ballroom and Swing Dance** is offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. There are still openings in all of these classes. There is a \$4.00 per session fee or you can pay \$35.00 which entitles you to 10 sessions in any or all of the classes.
- The Recreation Department completed to very successful events over the last two weeks. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 15th and the Annual Daddy Daughter Dance was held on April 21st. Both events were well attended.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Albion Building Authority:

- Have agreement to allow Hoffman Bros. to use parking lot on East Eric to store materials.
- Next scheduled meeting is June 8th at Maple Grove

Albion Trust

- Council approved the renewal. Accepting applications for Trustee positions.

Economic Development Corporation:

- Next meeting: Thursday, May 4th at 7:30am.
- Community Marketing work group with representatives from several organizations are meeting.

Downtown Development Authority:

- Red, White & Blue Car Cruise is June 29th.

Planning Commission

- RRC 2nd Quarter Report was submitted to the MEDC
- Annual Report will be on next council agenda

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

AmeriCorps/Vista

- Analyzing data from Albion Forward Survey. Update/report to come.
- Working on VISTA Quarterly Report
- Position Descriptions for VISTA are available through my.americorps.gov if anyone in Albion is interested in applying.
- Planning for **Community Open House event on June 28th**

Greater Albion Chamber & Visitors Bureau

- **Eggs & Issues:** The current schedule of Eggs & Issues meetings are as follows:
 - May 19 @ Duck Lake Country Club

Resilient Communities – Cronin Project

Thursday, 5/4/17	6 - 7:30 PM	Community Book Study: "Waking Up White"	Albion District Library 501 S. Superior St, Albion
Thursday, 5/11/17	6:30-8:30 PM	Community Conversations	Albion (Ludington Center) & Marshall (Franke Center, 214 E. Mansion St.)
Saturday, 5/13/17	8 AM-5 PM	Museum of African American History Field Trip	Detroit*
Tuesday, 5/16/17	6-9 PM	Movie Screening: "Traces of the Trade"	Bohm Theatre 201 S. Superior St, Albion
Thursday, 5/18/17	6 - 7:30 PM	Community Book Study: "Waking Up White"	Albion District Library
Thursday, 6/1/17	6:30-8:30 PM	Community Conversations	Albion (Ludington Center) & Marshall (Franke Center)
Wednesday, 6/7/17	8:30A-5:30P	Holocaust Museum Center Field Trip	Farmington Hills*

Charter Bus Transportation and Lunch Provided

The Albion-Marshall Resilient Communities Project is a community-based initiative with the goal of cultivating more understanding, respect, and dignity for one another. Building on the successes of our children who have shown tremendous courage and growth, it is now time for the adults in our communities to enter into dialogue with one another to aid in the process of our own healing.

Register now to be a part of this transformational work in our two communities!

amrcp.org/registration