

One Lenawee is: ...a collaboration of concerned people dedicated to The Vision of making Lenawee County a Great Place to live, work, learn, worship, play and invest.

We bring attention and action to important community issues.

Uniting and Connecting partners and committed people, we identify, support, and develop initiatives and projects that optimize community resources toward The Vision.



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Steering Committee Notes September 19, 2017 7:30 a.m. LISD Ross Bldg.

2017 GOALS

- * **Strategic Plan for Lenawee County**
- * **County Administration-** support their actions to increase economic development.
- * **Implement Non-motorized Transportation Plan esp. extending Kiwanis Trail to Tecumseh. Begin implementing the River Raisin Restoration Project**
- * **Support and explore new and existing Quality of Life efforts by county organizations and individuals.**
- * **In conjunction with county economic development organizations and individuals, identify complementary activities where One Lenawee energies can add value.**
- * **OL-Org. structure & continuity**
- * **Promote Lenawee (Lenawee Brand?)**

Present:

Sue Lewis, Don Taylor, Dave Maxwell, Marty Marshall, Dan Swallow, Chris Miller, Nate Hamblin, Kim Murphy, Brian Elliott, Lynne Punnett
Eric Walcott via conference call

Welcome to Brian Elliott from DisAbility Connections!

- **Strategic Planning**

Timeline update – We are at Focus Group level.

Placemaking – Their second meeting will take place tomorrow, Sept. 20th.

Collaboration & Communication – Dave reported their group is struggling due to people showing up with personal agendas primarily because the topic is so vague. They are having difficulty managing diversity of opinion. The suggestion was made to take two examples of collaboration in the community and describe how it was communicated. For example, Art a licious or the River Raisin clean up. We may want to ask the Telegram if we can have a monthly column focusing on one priority group at a time, always keeping in mind the bigger picture of Lenawee County and not just Adrian.

Eric reminded us not to be afraid of establishing small short term goals and to keep pointing back to the responses from the community forums.

Workforce Development – Their first meeting was August 22nd at Lenawee Now.

Promotion/Marketing – This group is looking at what exactly they are responsible for marketing. Their next meeting is later in the month.

Infrastructure – The group's topic is more definable and not vague, yet still challenging when identifying goals. They have been altering their agenda according to who attends the meetings.

Lifestyle Choices – Sue reported their second meeting is scheduled for September 21st. Their goals have been established and they will be working on finalizing their planning and hope to start adding strategies as well at this meeting.

- Try to wrap up goals for each team by November 8th so a report can be given at the legislative dinner in late November.
- New people are coming in all the time to the priority groups and it is difficult to get them up to speed. Eric said he would try to find ways to deal with this issue and share it with us in the future.
- Reminder: send all meeting notes and next meeting dates/times to Diane Skeels so it can eventually get posted on the county web site.

- **Reports from Strands**

Connecting Lenawee – Next meeting 3 p.m. Thursday Sept. 21st. They may have a breakthrough on how to finish the trail on Raisin Center Hwy. by using the west side of the road. They are working on a grant and need a letter of support from disability organizations, plus those who will maintain that section of the trail, and from the Road Commission.

There was a recent River Raisin clean-up at the Merrick Street bridge.

Arts/Culture – The self-guided art tour will be taking place the first weekend in October with stopping points at art studios throughout the county.

Cradle to Career Partnership – M-steps scores are back and third grade reading readiness was worse (48%). State may mandate it to be at 100% in the future. A lot of work to do.

Lenawee Health Network (LHN): Work being done at the priority group meetings will carry over to LHN so there will be no need for two separate work groups in the future.

Lynne reported the Housing study has been completed. It is a huge document and she hasn't had an opportunity to read it.

**Next meeting – October 17, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. at the William Ross building (not the Fireside bldg.)
Joe Williams will be the facilitator for this meeting.**