

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 to **The Vision.**



2020 Objectives

- * **Continue to work on the seven Focus Areas**
- * **New priorities:**
 - **Public Transportation**
 - **Active Transportation, including land and river trails, parks, & recreation**
 - **Assess what One Lenawee can do to help those most affected by the covid recession**

Steering Committee Notes

April 16, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Present: Joe Williams, Don Taylor, Marty Marshall, Chris Miller, Jackie Bradley, Dave Maxwell, Tim Robinson, Lynne Punnett, Matt Swartzlander, Kim Murphy

One Lenawee Strategic Vision:

Public Transportation – Motorized

- Joe shared that with his work regarding Covid-19 and PPP loan applications he is overwhelmed and hasn't had time to devote to this issue. Dave put forth the question of how do we take this forward and how can OL help? Chris shared again what was discussed at the February meeting with the existing Transportation Task Force and what has been done so far. Most of what is happening is focused on the human services and aging side and not the general public. He has been meeting with others to enhance that focus by looking at a number of different resources. Bottom line, this will be a very expensive project so we may first want to look only at Adrian and Tecumseh. The one possibility that looks the most promising is with First Transportation. With the new hospital there is a possibility they may offer support. OL should first vote and affirm that this will be one of our main objectives in 2020. We can endorse this project and collaborate where we can be best utilized in a post-Covid-19 era to meet the needs of the community.

Chris made the motion to make public transportation a priority area for One Lenawee and work in partnership with the Transportation Task Force. Unanimously approved by all.

Chris and Jackie already sit on this task force. They will now be joined by Don, Dave and Matt.

Public Transportation – Non-motorized

- Dave shared the Connecting Lenawee group is already focusing on this for the entire county and it also includes the River Raisin. In a lot of ways, it is a governmental issue because of the need for countywide collaboration. Now that we have the start of a Trail Authority, we need to be careful about stepping on toes with other units. Chris referenced the 2015 plan.

No one seems to know who is doing what when it comes to the Trail Authority because information is not being shared. Chris shared that Kiwanis has taken the lead on the trail outside of the city limits. Funding may be in question due to Covid-19 according to Marty.

Covid-19:

- Marty – what we don't know yet is where we can open certain areas including businesses, non-profits, and others. Lenawee County will extend the stay at home order until May 15th. What we do as a county is dependent on the Governor and State Legislature.
- Sue shared how Catholic Charities has been forced to do business through telehealth. This may not be for the long-term, but it is definitely for the short term. Covid-19 has affected many non-profits in a similar way. Raising money post Covid-19 will be nearly impossible. We just don't know what our new norm will be.
- Don shared his difficulty in moving forward with Art-a-licious. He's losing support from previous sponsors because they are putting their money on Covid-19 issues. He hopes to have some sort of art festival with local artists later this year.
- Chris talked about Community Capital and Covid-19 and how they have formed a group to support businesses and non-profits.
- Discussion continued about supporting local small businesses and ways to do it.

Communication:

- Telegram articles – Matt and Chris will write the next article (for either April or May) regarding local businesses. Marty will write the June article on the county perspective in coming out of Covid-19.
- WLEN – OL will be on again in June.
- Kim gave us an update on where to find county information especially specific to Covid-19. There is also a Spanish page. Go to the county web site and sign up for news flashes. You can also do this through Facebook or Twitter. They have been spotlighting local heroes through their Facebook page and have been overwhelmed with pictures lately (about 200/day).

Next meeting date: Thursday, May 21, 7:30 a.m. by zoom.

Facilitator – Chris