

**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.**



### **2021 OBJECTIVES**

- \* **Continue to work on the seven Focus Areas**
- \* **New priorities:**
  - **Public Transportation**
  - **Attainable Housing**
  - **Communications**

### **OUR PROCESS:**

- **Evaluate**
- **Educate**
- **Engage**

## **Steering Committee Notes**

### **August 19, 2021**

**Present:** Chris Miller, Madeline DeMarco, Mark Haag, Sue Lewis, Dave Maxwell, Don Taylor, Joe Williams, Lynne Punnett, Tim Robinson

### **ONE LENAWEE STRATEGIC VISION PRIORITIES 2021 AND BEYOND:**

#### **Public Transportation:**

*Ride Lenawee* has been operating for two weeks and have had a total of four riders. Don explained the low utilization is due to not getting the word out. He will share the schedule with other community partners to help market this service. Many suggestions were offered from the group to increase visibility including creating some short videos to having it available during Art-a-Licious. Even though it is off to a slow start, Joe shared that we needed to show the community that we were doing something.

Dave posed the question, *what group of people are we trying to reach?* No one seemed to have an answer.

Transportation Task Force: No report

#### **Attainable Quality Housing for All:**

Lynne reported that she and Joe met with Marty since any major next steps will need to involve him. The evaluators are reviewing our housing proposal. Decisions by the County Commissioners are tentatively scheduled for September. Professionals will be compiling the data from the community survey. Lynne will check with Kim Murphy about the cut off date to respond to the survey. She will also send this group a list of all stakeholders.

A reporter from the Telegram reached out to Lynne regarding research she is conducting for a housing article. Apparently, this is a big assignment, and the reporter wants to cover more than Lenawee County regarding the housing crisis.

We discussed whether to invite other stakeholders to our meeting so we could discuss what One Lenawee is doing regarding housing, and that question was met with mixed of responses. Some felt

we should wait until Marty met with all municipalities and others felt we should continue to move forward even if it involves one-on-one conversations. Most all agreed that we should not be money-driven on this project. Human Service organizations know about what we are working on, but we haven't asked any of them to do anything. They all need to see how this is important to them.

The idea of "tiny houses" was presented and we may want to include it in the Master Plan. Lynne shared that zoning could be an issue in some areas.

It was suggested that we may need an architect at some point and Tim Robinson's wife was recommended since she is passionate about housing.

**Strategic Vision:**

Bill Kenyon will facilitate the session at our regular meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please allow extra time in your schedule for this important strategic visioning session. **It will run from 7:30-9:30 a.m.**

**Broadband improvement:** No report

**Status of fundraising for the Kiwanis Trail extension to Tecumseh:** No report

**Communications/Marketing:**

Newspaper article – the County Health Assessment article was submitted but not yet published. For our next article we may pull Tim Kelly's article that was never published. Lynne will take responsibility for following up on this issue.

WLEN – Don will check with Dale on a possible date (Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>). Suggested topics include housing and *Ride Lenawee*.

**ONE LENAWEE STRUCTURE AND SUCCESSION:** This topic will be revisited after the strategic visioning session.

**Next meeting date: Thursday, September 16, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Facilitator – Joe Williams and Bill Kenyon will conduct the Strategic Visioning session.**

**THE MEETING WILL BE AT THE NEW LOCATION OF THE  
LENAWEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
1440 W. MAUMEE ST. ADRIAN**