

**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 December 16, 2021**

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

### **Members shared some of One Lenawee's 2021 accomplishments:**

- Ride Lenawee pilot transportation initiative
- Model for Housing Lenawee – addressing a definite need in Lenawee County
- OL is a catalyst, or “think tank”
- Engaging Bill Kenyon for strategic planning
- Partnership with Lenawee Community Foundation
- OL started in 2008 and we're still meeting monthly
- Having Marty Marshall involved with OL has been instrumental in our housing initiative.
- Welcomed new members Madeline and Randy
- OL ensures that we move forward with our action items/objectives

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

#### **Public Transportation**

Task Force – No new items to report.

Ride Lenawee did not address a need or a demand, yet we learned from this pilot. Dave suggested that we consider canceling early to save money. Chris volunteered to investigate this. Randy and Misty Polk are getting together with employers to discuss transportation challenges.

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

Dave presented a draft *Articles of Organization* for Housing Lenawee and plans to file for a DBA today. Lenawee Community Foundation will provide the EIN. This move will be our first formal acknowledgement of the existence of Housing Lenawee.

Joes has been discussing Housing Lenawee with his executive committee every step of the way. Amy Bergman has been assisting him with looking at the project responsibilities of a coordinator. This will be a 1099 position and Amy will also help with posting the position and the interview process.

The issue of septic systems in rural areas will need to be addressed and Martha Hall from the Health Department will help in making connections with appropriate people.

We have not yet heard from the County regarding our request for American Rescue funding. In the meantime, LCF will open a fund specific to this initiative. Chris said he already talked to the group who will do the housing study (cost est. at \$75,000). Once the Rescue funding is approved, we will move immediately on the posting of the position.

### **Strategic Vision**

Joe shared that the housing initiative will be a great **pilot** to bring OL under the LCF.

Other items to address in the future:

- Identity of OL – there is still confusion with OL and Lenawee Now. This involves communication too.
- Rotating locations – possibly Marty's newly renovated space sometime in the future.
- We want to hit the ground running, assuming that we will be awarded the funding, be prepared with press releases, etc. The collaboration with many partners in the community is key to this funding.

There will be more discussion regarding our strategic plan in upcoming meetings.

### **Priority Groups**

Workforce Development – Randy reported that a group is planning a trip this week to Muskegon to see how they utilize their community college as a technical resource. A project like this would attract companies to this county.

Lenawee Health Network – The new County Health Improvement Plan is complete and will be addressing chronic conditions, behavioral health, and social determinants of health starting in 2022.

### **Other**

Dave and others went to Chelsea last week to look at how they manage their Border-to-Border trails. They are putting in \$50,000,000 of trails in that area.

In considering expansion of the Kiwanis Trail, it must move towards Saline.

**Next meeting date: Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30am at the LCF. Facilitator – Joe**