

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.**



2022 OBJECTIVES

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

OUR PROCESS:

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

Steering Committee Notes

March 17, 2022

Present: Chris Miller, Madeline DeMarco, Lynne Punnett, Dave Maxwell, Joe Williams, Don Taylor, Sue Lewis, guest Kelly Castleberry

Welcome Kelly Castleberry

Celebration of the good things we have accomplished since our February meeting:

- Today is Joe's birthday...Happy Birthday Joe and thank you for all you do for OL!
- Joe shared that Jack Baker of Tecumseh is the recipient of the Lenawee Leadership Award, and DeAngelo Boone is the recipient of the Stubnitz Award this year.

Public Transportation

Michigan Transportation Connection is a positive addition to Lenawee County. Lenawee Transportation will be taking over responsibility for the Mobility Manager. It appears that Lenawee Transportation is becoming more flexible in their scheduling, in reaching out to rural areas of the county, and in creating partnerships. Chris reported that the County Transportation Committee has not been exactly visionary up to now and has maintained a status quo position.

Attainable Quality Housing for All

The grant status for ARPA funds has been paused by the County Commission, so they can re-evaluate the process and priorities. OL will give Terry Collins input on a Matrix he will develop for evaluating projects.

There was a lot of discussion on how we as One Lenawee may move forward with the Housing Lenawee pilot project. It was suggested that OL members talk individually with the various leaders of the municipalities on what OL's project is, and how they would utilize ARPA funds if granted.

It should also be shared that OL will always be transparent when working on the housing need in Lenawee County. During these conversations Lynne suggested that we focus on funding the Housing Strategic Plan for the entire county. First, look at the population of the municipality and second, how much in ARPA funding they will be receiving. This data can then be used to set an amount for our ask. (Note: strategic plan cost is \$75,000). Lynne volunteered to gather this data. She also will find out the dates of upcoming board meetings so OL representatives can reach out to the supervisor of that municipality prior to their meeting.

Other action items are listed in the notes I received from Dave. See below.

Housing Lenawee To-Do 3/17/22

Here are some notes I took today on Housing Lenawee:

1. Joe will call a meeting of the Housing Lenawee work group for next week
2. We will contact the 35 county governments to update them on our activities and ask for a proportional financial support of the \$75,000 Strategic Plan. Need to know who has good relationships with the various governments. Lynne leading this.
3. TMA – Chris will see when this project will begin. (We need to get the word out on it and make sure all parties affected by it are on board.)
4. LCF website – page for Housing Lenawee: suggestions include our one-page summary, a page of all active organizations in housing, contacts, and links. Lynne thinks we need some kind of visual for this (I agree). Dave and Andrea will work on this; need to hear from Joe re: using the LCF website. Do we want an URL for housinglenawee.org, and if so, how do we get it?
5. Dave will work on expanding the Operations Review Committee duties and responsibilities and cover all Housing Lenawee participants.
6. Dave will redraft the ARPA criteria, send to Housing Committee for review, and send to Terry Collins.
7. Dave and Andrea will work on getting people to become members of Housing Lenawee.

Next meeting date: Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 am. Facilitator – Don