

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

April 21, 2022

Present: Chris Miller, Madeline DeMarco, Lynne Punnett, Sue Lewis, Joe Williams, Don Taylor, Mark Haag, Tim Robinson, Tim Kelly, Marty Marshall, and Kim Murphy

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

- Many things about housing, see below for further details.
- Marty's retirement and the old courthouse renovations. Wishing you all the best on your retirement Marty. Thank you for all you have done for Lenawee County and your collaboration with One Lenawee!

Addition to the agenda – report from the Core Collective Impact Group

- The common agenda is trauma and resiliency. We should take this into consideration in all our decision making for One Lenawee.
- There are long-term effects of trauma.
- Trauma usually involves much more than a one-time event, for example as seen with people living in poverty.

Public Transportation

There is a potential expansion of public transportation with the City of Adrian and the County both taking active roles. WLEN reported the establishment of a transportation authority. The city and county will be working together to form this authority.

Attainable Quality Housing for All

The grant status for ARPA funds is in a holding pattern.

The City of Tecumseh has contributed \$10,000 to help fund the strategic plan.

Joe gave the following update for those present who do not attend the various housing committee meetings:

- Our ARPA request for funding has been submitted.
- The Target Market Analysis (TMA) is on order, and we now have details of the process, which includes five phases:
 1. TMA
 2. Policies, Strategic Planning, and Pre-Development Training
 3. Funding & Incentives
 4. Implementation and Development
 5. Technical Support
- The strategic plan is done separately with another group. The above is the first step (data gathering).
- Larger municipalities will be approached to help with funding the strategic plan.
- MOUs are steadily coming in from various housing groups.
- Lynne shared that every City of Adrian commissioner appears supportive. We are asking for \$30,000 from the City of Adrian.
- The TMA will look at and report on each municipality.
- The TMA will also report on our missed opportunities because of housing or lack of it.
- The Operations Review Committee has not yet met, but guidelines are in place.
- The housing committee has been very active especially in the past month and the Lenawee Community Foundation has been instrumental.

Marty and Kim reported the following:

- Regarding the ARPA process status – there is a meeting coming up in May to explain what is and is not available with these funds, which should be focusing on how the pandemic affected specific populations. No decisions will be made at this meeting. County Commissioners will score the applicants and make decisions later, most likely in June.
- ARPA funds cannot support roads in Lenawee County. The funding for roads will come from the infrastructure bill.
- Marty did not feel like One Lenawee needed to do anything more at this point other than to demonstrate solid county municipality support along with MOUs from housing organizations and provide this to the county commissioners.

Other:

- At a future meeting we need to look at the results of our planning session with Bill Kenyon and our seven focus areas.
- Mark shared confidential information regarding Jackson College, but it cannot be shared with the public at this time.
- Art-a-licious is scheduled for September 17 & 18.
- Kim reported on Project Phoenix. Two options were presented to the County Commissioners in response to two questions, 1. Is it financially viable and 2. Is it needed?
- Sports Facilities Companies were approached for consultation. The first full original project was ruled out. In the second project option they looked at data to determine its potential for success. They recommended the smaller version (\$34 million) to build but will eventually total \$66 million to include all other expenses.
- Another option with more sports fields and other amenities would cost \$52 million to construct and totaling \$88 million to include all other expenses.
- There is a \$4 million projected cost for environmental clean-up of the site.

- \$49 million in funds has been identified so far to handle construction.
- Pure Michigan and MEDC are supportive.
- \$5 million has been identified so far to cover other expenses.
- Projected data demonstrates a good return on investment.

Next meeting date: Thursday, May 19th at 7:30 am. Facilitator – Chris