

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 June 16, 2022

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

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

- A nice tour of the county took place on May 31st with Sharon Wood who will be doing our TMA. Jessica Sattler joined when touring Tecumseh. Joe will share what data he has so far.
- Housing Help of Lenawee has hired a new Executive Director. Lynne was extremely excited about this new leader in our community.
- Chris shared how Planewave has been working with River Raisin Ragtime Revue and a free event will take place on that campus July 19th. Planewave will also be conducting a research program for high school and college students involving the use of telescopes. There will be a training July 8th for educators. He is still working on the community investment bill with Bronna Kahle and Dale Zorn.
- Don sold one of his downtown buildings. It was a great investment and pay back.
- Kim reported the extension of the Kiwanis Trail to Tecumseh is finally taking place, although the costs have increased from the initial bids.
- Mark shared that the ISD is continuing their talks with Jackson College in taking over some of their building to expand services for the Tech Center. Jackson College is only using one third of their building currently.
- OL is celebrating the presence of Kim Murphy at our meetings!

Core Group:

No report

Project Phoenix:

Kim reported the project is on hold until the County Commissioners tell her to take it off the shelf. They are taking a step back and exploring other options for the Tecumseh Products site. Environmental clean-up continues at that site.

The County Commissioners are currently looking at the ARPA funding requests and what is and is not allowable. She hopes to have a decision by September.

Public Transportation - The coordinator position has ended because of funding. The Transportation Authority involving the City of Adrian and the County continues to make progress.

Housing Lenawee:

Joe reported Sharon Wood is shooting for the TMA to be completed by the end of August. She has been talking with municipality administrators regarding the importance of a strategic plan in an effort to secure funding. Community Image Builders (CIB) submitted a proposal to prepare the plan. The TMA comes first, then the strategic plan. Each cost \$75,000. Joe assured us that funding would be available.

Dave Maxwell made a motion for One Lenawee accept the proposal and move forward with Community Image Builders. Seconded by Don Taylor. Approved with unanimous consent.

Our biggest opportunity to fund Housing Lenawee is to have a housing coordinator to work on this since all OL members are volunteers.

Chris shared that he is working with the Housing North model in hopes of replicating it in Lenawee County.

Lynne recommended we make sure all communities are aware of the TMA. A small group of OL members will work on this high-level summary of the benefits of the TMA and strategic plan.

Reports from Focus Groups:

Arts: Don reported Art-A-Licious is scheduled as a two-day event this year, September 17/18. Manitou Beach Festival of Arts is scheduled for July 30th 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Community Health and Safety: Sue would like to update her objectives to better align with the 2021-2023 Lenawee Community Health Improvement Plan. She will report at the July meeting. She also recommended to the group that we occasionally re-visit our seven focus groups to update objectives and to also look ahead regarding the future of OL regarding succession planning and its structure under the LCF umbrella, (or possibly without).

Next meeting date: Thursday, July 21st at 7:30 am. Facilitator – Randy or Dave