

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

February 18, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present: Don Taylor, Chris Miller, Dave Maxwell, Joe Williams, Madeline DeMarco, Tim Kelly, Tim Robinson, Lynne Punnett, Mark Haag, Sue Lewis, Randy Yagiela, Troy Bevier

ONE LENAWEE STRATEGIC VISION PRIORITIES 2021 AND BEYOND:

Public Transportation:

Chris gave an update from the sub-committee stating they have been identifying stops for the route between Tecumseh and Adrian. First Student will be running the route for this pilot project. They have not yet had a conversation with the state regarding funding. The Mobility Manager has been hired and attended her first official meeting.

Attainable Housing:

Chris reported they are looking for Brownfield dollars to do the demolition at the Bixby Hospital site. The City of Adrian needs to endorse this so they can receive the grant/loans. This is being considered a project that would include the west side (Bixby) and the east side of Adrian (McKinley) and modular units are being considered. A company purchased the Garfield site, but it is undecided what that property will be used for. There appears to be a lot of opportunities for housing projects. No demolition contractor has been secured and no cost estimate is available yet.

Communications/Marketing:

Dave, Randy and Lynne reported that there are many people engaged in Lenawee County trying to address the housing issue. No one organization is doing everything. Lynne has agreed to put together a white paper soon to help us better understand what this looks like. Lenawee County does have quite a lot of affordable housing (except in Tecumseh), but the market is somewhat tight. The last housing study was conducted 4-5 years ago. Looking ahead we need to take into consideration people who want to work from home. This may be a good opportunity as we look into the future. The Kings Mobile Home Court on Treat Hwy. is in an opportunity zone and money may be available for that location. It is close to several factories when considering workforce housing.

WLEN – March 20th at 9 a.m. – Don (co-host) with Chris and Lynne will be discussing housing.
Daily Telegram – the next article may be Randy on Talent Development. Please continue to send Randy any updates for the web site.

REPORTS FROM FOCUS AREAS:

Cradle to Career/Whole Child Model

Tim is working with Head Start and Great Start on surveying parents and working on professional development for childcare providers. A college decision day is in the works. He is also looking into apprenticeships and mentorships with the Tech Center.

The Whole Child Model that he is working on is actually the framework for Cradle to Career...they work together.

Mark reported that a couple of plans are in the works regarding funding for the re-engagement of students.

Community Health and Safety:

Sheriff Troy Bevier gave a public safety update with a focus on people moving into the area want to feel safe.

Results of the Lenawee County Health Assessment will be available in March.

April 21st is Drug Take Back Day.

Lenawee CMH is looking into having an app to track your mental health.

Entrepreneurship / Workforce Development:

Tim Robinson reported that they recently received a Survival Grant from the State for \$436,000 aimed for downtown restaurants.

Randy said there will be another Career Con event April 27th with a focus on success skills. A grant was submitted for \$656,000 for recovery in Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties.

Marshall Plan – ISD and Lenawee Now continue to work on externships. This is where a teacher is inserted into a worksite, they learn new things and then take that back and implement it in their classrooms.

Arts:

Don reported that all venues are on standby and a recent poll showed that 150 artists are interested in Art-a-Licious, however people are still hesitant because of Covid.

Connecting Lenawee:

They are working on a Facebook page so they can do fundraising for the Kiwanis Trail.

ONE LENAWEE STRUCTURE AND SUCCESSION: This topic needs more discussion and will require a special meeting.

Other: Joe shared that the Lenawee Community Foundation is moving to the old bank building on Maumee Street in July or August.

Next meeting date: Thursday, March 18, 7:30am. Facilitator – Chris