

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 November 18, 2021

**Present:** Chris Miller, Madeline DeMarco, Mark Haag, Randy Yagiela, Lynne Punnett, Don Taylor, Sue Lewis, Joe Williams

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

#### Public Transportation

Task Force – Siena Heights was added to the Ride Lenawee route. No report has been made available on the number of riders who have participated since Ride Lenawee started.

Broadly, the task force is trying to serve the needs of the community to support businesses and colleges. Randy is working on involving employers.

Ride Lenawee may not be focusing on the need. Transportation for recreation may not be the need in the community.

#### Attainable Quality Housing for All

The American Rescue Act request was submitted. Last week all players in the housing arena met and agreed to work collaboratively on this one request. They all signed the document. Previously Marty had shared that requests need to show collaboration and that no individual agencies would be funded. This request looked at housing from an economic perspective. It is still unknown how the money will come in. A housing study is needed even if we do not receive the funding.

Joe shared that Lenawee County is being looked at statewide as far as what OL is doing regarding housing. Having Marty on the team has been a huge asset to OL in trying to reach our goal.

The community is also looking at the renovation of Bixby Hospital. Lenawee Now is working on this project, trying to put this property back on the tax roll. The City of Adrian also needs to be part of this effort. Note: Lenawee Now is aligned with the OL request. Marty and the group are currently working on the plan, especially in getting the housing study started **now**. OL will be transparent through this process.

## **Strategic Vision**

Joe shared that he met with Dave Hickman as we move towards the goal of the Lenawee Community Foundation being more involved in the community. The ultimate goal is to move OL under the umbrella of the LCF. Joe wants to use the housing initiative as a pilot to show why this is important...to “test the waters.” The LCF board is very supportive of the housing initiative.

Joe shared that LCF needs unrestricted funds and OL can be an advocate for this, and these conversations need to start taking place.

A lot of what OL is doing will not necessarily be changing if OL goes under the LCF umbrella. This will strengthen both organizations.

## **Priority Groups**

Arts and Culture – Art-a-licious was recently awarded a 2022 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for \$10,500. Art-a-licious is under the LCF.

Lenawee Health Network – The County Health Assessment has been completed and they are now working on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Cradle to Career – All community schools are participating in the MiPhy (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth). This has not always been the case. Data from the MiPhy is used as part of the Lenawee County Health Assessment.

## **Other**

All members of OL supported Lenawee Now’s request to the County Commissioners for funding from the American Rescue Plan.

**Next meeting date: Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30am at the LCF. Facilitator – Madeline**