

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.**



2020 Objectives

- * Continue to work on the seven Focus Areas
- * New priorities:
 - Public Transportation
 - Active Transportation, including land and river trails, parks, & recreation
 - Assess what One Lenawee can do to help those most affected by the covid recession

Steering Committee Notes

August 20, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Present: Don Taylor, Chris Miller, Jackie Bradley, Dave Maxwell, Joe Williams, Randy Y., Tim Robinson, Sue Lewis, Mark Haag, Madeline DeMarco, Tim Kelly, Wendy Knox, Lynne Punnett

One Lenawee Strategic Vision Priorities 2020 and Beyond:

Public Transportation:

- **Non-motorized (active)** Tim Robinson and Jim VanDoren are now on the Transportation Task Force.

Dave reported that some members of the Connecting Lenawee group are trying to get people interested in the River Raisin as it comes through the City of Adrian. Bob Ford who was originally involved with development of the Kiwanis Trail is taking a look at it. At some point the City of Adrian needs to put priority on the vision of cleaning it up from Riverside Park to Island Park. There are many challenges including timber and dams.

All 1500+ signs have been delivered and the main entrance to the trail on South Main Street will be completed soon.

Joe reported that the new Trail Authority has been established and there are many groups working on this. The Lenawee Community Foundation will be the new convener in bringing this group together with their next meeting scheduled in September.

- **Motorized** – No new report.

Community Capital:

- Chris reported there is a bill in the Senate offering incentives for Michigan investors to create a tax credit when investing in Michigan businesses. Joe and Chris talked about creating a community investment fund. Launch Lenawee is on hold for now due to Covid. There is a need for entrepreneur education.

Communication:

- Marty is scheduled to submit an article to the Telegram soon regarding the county perspective on coming out of Covid-19. We need September covered and it was suggested that perhaps Mark could do the article regarding the options available at county schools. This group will also reach out to other county newspapers.
- WLEN – OL will be on September 19th with a possible focus on the schools.
- There was a suggestion made regarding a OL social media platform, however this takes a lot of time and commitment.

Priority Groups:

Cradle to Career – Some schools have postponed opening until after Labor Day. All county schools are offering virtual and in-person options. Mark shared how the schools are addressing the Covid issues and also how there are new House bills currently in legislature regarding children with disabilities.

There are a lot of meetings going on to determine a more direct focus on Kindergarten Readiness versus focusing on numerous other areas. The goal is to focus on those children 0 to 5 years so they reach their fullest potential. C2C is also working on a 'soft skills' certification process.

Randy reported there is no longer a formal LCAN (Lenawee College Access Network), but there is a need to establish a communication network. The employment side wants to work with students going to college and will move towards approaching them through social media in real time.

Joe asked "what is One Lenawee's role in the community"? Chris said we need to broadly engage people and find ways to do that. Randy shared that we still are not reaching a lot of people. We need 'show value' especially with workforce development and C2C.

Lenawee Health Network – Sue reported the network is currently focused on the planning of the 2020 Lenawee County Health Assessment. She also shared the good news of receiving a \$1,000,000 HRSA Implementation grant (over three years) for rural areas to address opioid and other drug use. There are eight workgroups involved in the transition process from planning to implementation. The three focus areas are Prevention, Treatment (including Medication Assisted Treatment), and Recovery Supports.

Entrepreneurship – Tim Robinson shared that two student interns helped raise ½ million dollars for child care.

Arts/Placemaking – Don reported that the Art-a-licious committee is working with the First Friday Committee for a collaborative event September 4th.

Workforce Development/Talent – Randy reported on a USDA grant to work with small businesses.

Other:

Jackie will provide a link to the Collective Impact Core group to share with members of the OL Steering Committee.

Next meeting date: Thursday, September 17th at 7:30 a.m. via zoom. Facilitator – Randy