

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](#).



## 2019 Objectives

**Strategic Vision and Action Plan for Lenawee-nine priority areas, and all of them active.**

**Kiwanis Trail – OL will support the completion and finish signage.**

**OL-Organization structure and succession plan**

## Steering Committee Notes January 16, 2020

**Present:** Joe Williams, Don Taylor, Chris Miller, Troy Bevier, Jackie Bradley, Randy Yagiela, Sue Lewis, Tim Kelly, Dan Swallow, Dave Maxwell, Tim Robinson, Mark Haag, Michael Fox, Nathan Burd

### Notes:

The Steering Committee discussed where we are with One Lenawee after 10+ years and where we're going in the future. The following questions on the agenda were presented to the group:

- Are we relevant; how do we become more relevant?
- Are we practicing collective impact?
- How do we get traction in all our priority groups?
- OL structure and succession plan...how do we move forward?

Due to the sharing of numerous thoughts and ideas from all members of the committee I offer the following bullet points without attaching individual's names to each thought.

- The strategic visioning process that was done throughout the county and the development of a countywide strategic plan had never been done before. We partnered with the county and OL helped to get it started.
- The question was raised, would the work continue without this group?
- Should we tackle something else to focus on and let the county take ownership of the strategic plan?
- We need to look at diversity throughout the county.
- One member said he looks at OL as an information clearinghouse.
- Does the county use our plan in any way? Not necessarily.
- There is no accountability.
- OL has been a huge change agent. The collaboration is so much better than what is seen in neighboring counties.
- One of the primary purposes of One Lenawee is to educate the community.
- If you don't have a strong economy, nothing else matters. We need to balance all of the strands.

- Reminder – we must continue to focus on quality of life and that feeds into talent and this is what OL should focus on.
- We should try to focus on an unmet need.
- Do we need to just pick one project to work on every year and if so, what might that project be? Many thought it should be transportation. This touches every group in the room.
- If OL helped other existing groups working on transportation it would be a major accomplishment and have a huge impact on quality of life.
- Transportation brings a challenge as well, especially for the outlying areas of the county.
- A couple of groups are currently working on transportation and we may want to work collaboratively with them. Perhaps bring them to a OL meeting to hear where they are now. Try to get employers, schools, etc. involved.

**Next steps:**

In closing this discussion Joe asked that we think about 1-2 projects that we would like to focus on and bring those ideas to the next meeting. Think about how One Lenawee can be a catalyst to these projects. It's all about relationships and how OL functions and will function in the future.

Telegram article – Randy will try to get information regarding the Career Con to be published in February. The event will take place on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Adrian High School Performing Arts Center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**Next meeting date: Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the William Ross building.**

**Facilitators – Joe and Dave...we'll continue our discussion.**