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**One Lenawee
Planning Session
9-16-2021
Summary of Comments**

This is a summary of comments and questions raised at a meeting of several of the One Lenawee members. Those present included Joe Williams, Sue Lewis, Dave Maxwell, Chris Miller, Don Taylor, and Madeline DeMarco (via Zoom).

Post-it Note™ Exercise

The first activity consisted of a Post-it Note™ exercise during which attendees responded to two questions about One Lenawee. Question #1 was "What do we WANT to be known for?" Question #2 was "What ARE we known for?" I have categorized the comments where possible. Some comments did not fit a particular category.

What Do We WANT to be Known For?

Collaboration/Connector

- Being great collaborators
- Collaboration
- Collaborative and connecting group
- Community organizer & connector
- Bringing people together from all across the county to build a stronger community

Focus on Lenawee County

- Wants what's best for Lenawee County
- Committed to making Lenawee County a place where people want to live
- Making Lenawee County the place to be
- Putting community ahead of any agenda

Gaps/needs

- Identify gaps in important needs
- Filling gaps
- Meet needs identified by the community
- Identifier of needs
- The catalyst behind moving things forward to work on needs in the County

Miscellaneous

- Being visionary
- Doing challenging things
- Facilitator of change
- Lenawee One
- The voice of the people, to whom we listen and take appropriate action, e.g. turning the Adrian Mall into a marijuana store (this comment was added by Dave Maxwell in a follow up email)

What We ARE Known For

Identity Issues

- Confused with Lenawee Now (2)
- Our reputation is pretty limited – Unknown by most
- Not too sure!

Collaboration

- Collaboration, e.g Cradle to Career, Lenawee Health Network
- Connect community outside of human services

County wide

- County wide
- Community leaders who love Lenawee

Miscellaneous

- A-political
- Unselfish
- Make things happen
- Making changes with the County Administrator's responsibilities
- Initiating County Strategic Plan
- Business & Entrepreneurship

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- Kiwanis Trail
- People who do know us think we do good things

Comments Made and Questions Raised During Discussion

There were a number of comments made and questions raised during the discussion following the Post-it Note™ exercise. What follows are some of those comments and questions as they appear in my notes. These are certainly not a complete summary of the discussion.

- Quiet agent of change.
- We need to make sure we recruit the right people to have at the table.
- Every meeting needs to have a celebration of successes segment
- Should the members meet less frequently? (This grew out of a discussion about lack of engagement by some of the members).
- Do we have the right size for the group?
- Who is/should be at the table?
- One Lenawee seems to be “collaboration project” based.
- There is a challenge with collaboration between governmental entities.
- We need to foster synergy rather than competition for money.
- Would it make sense for One Lenawee to come under the umbrella of the Lenawee Community Foundation? (This question lead to some discussion about the potential for synergy between the two groups.

Next Actions

1. Craft something in the nature of a Case Statement relative to One Lenawee coming under the umbrella of the Lenawee Community Foundation.
2. Discuss this idea with the larger One Lenawee Group.
3. Have a meeting with Dave Hickman to discuss the idea.