

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

June 18, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Present: Joe Williams, Don Taylor, Chris Miller, Jackie Bradley, Dave Maxwell, Tim Robinson, Lynne Punnett, Sue Lewis, Randy Yagiela, Mark Haag, Marty Marshall, Madeline DeMarco

One Lenawee Strategic Vision Priorities 2020 and Beyond:

Public Transportation – Motorized

- Dave and Don joined the existing Transportation Task Force with fellow OL members, Jackie and Chris. Chris reached out to the tech firm Blue Space in California regarding autonomous vehicles. The city has been invited to participate in a mobility pilot grant that is due July 1st.

Public Transportation – Non-motorized (active)

- Dave reported there are many unknowns with Nathan Burd leaving and he'll have more to report next month. Greg Elliott will be the interim City Administrator. Chris shared about the grant the Health Department received to improve crossings and signage. Regarding the connection to Tecumseh – the Authority group met, but still has not acquired an easement on the west side of Raisin Center Highway, so the trail will now be adjacent to the highway. No property owner would be involved until reaching Cal Zorn Park.

Lenawee Now:

Randy and Tim reported that the Detroit Regional partnership has named a new CEO and someone well known to Tim. The EDA grant will be submitted soon for \$686,000 with a focus on direct business services to help with economy recovery efforts. In Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties it will mostly be for consulting services.

Community Capital:

- Chris reported that Dale Zorn introduced Senate bill 924 the Invest Michigan bill where a Michigan resident can make an investment in Michigan business and receive a 50% Michigan tax credit. Chris asked OL to support in any way we can. There was no significant opposition. Three businesses in Adrian are using the crowdfunding match. The State is matching up to \$5,000 and the business needs to raise \$5,000 to get the match. MEDC president met with

Chris regarding Community Capital and they are very supportive. He's also working on federal regulations to benefit local businesses. This makes more investment funds available for communities. Lenawee Community Foundation may be able to assist with the establishment of this fund.

Communication:

- Telegram articles – Matt and Chris will write the next article (probably for June) regarding local businesses. Marty will write the July article on the county perspective in coming out of Covid-19.
- WLEN – OL will be on June 20th to discuss what OL is adopting as objectives in 2020 and beyond with guests Chris, Don, and Joe.
- Regarding impact stories for Visit Lenawee – the group will reach out to Justin for a conference call.

Priority Groups:

Cradle to Career – Mark reported that the group has been rather stagnant but they're meeting today. No outcome factors have moved so this will be discussed. There has been no real movement since day one. LCAN no longer exists but their role will be picked up by other community groups.

Lenawee Health Network – The network is currently focused on the planning of the 2020 Lenawee County Health Assessment and possibly restructuring of the network to enhance collaboration with workgroups.

Entrepreneurship – There's a teaching position open at the ISD to teach entrepreneurship. The incubator kitchen is now open at the Armory.

Arts/Placemaking – Don reported that Art-a-licious and the Devil's Lake Art Festival are canceled. He had to return some of his \$7,500 grant to the state. First Fridays will start again July 3rd.

Workforce Development/Talent - Randy reported that the group is working on the new short and long range Career and Tech Plan. The Lenawee Tech Center will celebrate 50 years in 2020.

Succession Plan: The goal is to achieve a balance so it's not all Adrian and business.

Next meeting date: Thursday, July 16, 7:30 a.m. by zoom.

Facilitator – Dave