

January, 2024

Activity since November, 2023:

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### November 22 CIB Review Meeting

Here are a few notes from our most recent meeting:

1. We now have Draft 7, with very helpful pages added by Sharon Woods.
2. The review process continues, meaning that the best date for a FINAL may be mid-December.
3. Concern over value-add....perceived or otherwise...to those who contributed...the Lenawee plus a few additional pages may not be received well, unless we tell them that:
  - a. Justin will be available for a Zoom call to review the specifics of the report with each municipality
  - b. Members of Housing Lenawee always available to assist. We must stay actively engaged as we roll the report out. Suggested teams of two for the face to face discussion.
  - c. **Madison needs special attention.** Maybe Justin can extend his call for them.
  - d. The individual reports need to be customized a bit more.
  - e. A matrix on financing would be a great add
  - f. How can we get the ideas from Lisa's report into the final report?

If I missed something, please feel free to add to this.

Thanks for your continued support!

**Nov 22-27** – extensive effort by the team on reviewing Draft 7 of the CIB Report. Thanks to Lynne for assembling all the comments back to CIB.

### November 28 Regular Monthly Meeting

Here are my notes from today's meeting:

1. Joe met with Lenawee Chamber, Visiting Lenawee, and Lenawee Now regarding **Why Lenawee**. Molly Mason will be asked to submit a proposal. A Why Lenawee document will serve many purposes...Housing and Make My Move, for sure. We need to be careful about not depleting our One Lenawee account, as we may be asked to help fund matching fund grants for a Housing Coordinator. Joe suggested that perhaps some Lenawee businesses would be willing to help fund it.
2. CIB - Lynne sent her near-final notes to Justin last night, after spending all day yesterday compiling them. Thanks, Lynne! We will have another Zoom meeting with Justin tomorrow at 2:30pm.
3. From our meeting on Nov 22....a matrix showing the recommendations and to which communities they may apply would be a great tool. Lynne is going to work on this today.
4. Randy ran through a number of scenarios for funding a Housing Coordinator. We also discussed the need for qualified candidates who could get started right away. Dave will update the job duties of the Housing Coordinator.

5. Joe had several assignments for Lisa and will talk to her tomorrow. We really need to have someone look through all the grants available or to be available to see which ones Randy and I should be working on.

6. Lisa report at our November One Lenawee meeting needs action, more reason for a Housing Coordinator.

7. Chris Miller will talk to Bob Behnke about becoming part of our Committee (which is now called the Operations Review Committee).

8. Suggestion that we hand-deliver the final CIB report to Madison Township.

Anything else, let us know!

### **November 29 Meeting with CIB**

Our meeting with CIB seemed to go very well; they understood most of our suggestions, plus we clarified a few others. Our idea for adding a matrix on recommendations turned out to be too cumbersome, so we dropped it. Looking for a final report next week (week of December 3). As it turned out, CIB put some neat graphics in the report in lieu of the matrix.

### **December 9- we received the final plan from CIB!!**

Everyone thinks the Plan received on December 5 is what we asked for. Some minor changes made to the December 5 version, mostly editing stuff. Actual final v10 was December 9. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen!

### **December 15 – Distributing the report**

Lynne began the process of sending thank you letters out and distributing the report. Feedback has been mainly positive. See below for what she sent to One Lenawee:

Dave - Attached please find our letter of thanks with brief instructions and the Housing Strategic Plan files from CIB Planning.

We are most grateful One Lenawee's support of this important endeavor. Please let the entire One Lenawee group know how grateful we are. (Her attached letter was sent to all One Lenawee members.)

Sincerely,

Lynne Punnett

Attachment

December 12, 2023

Dave Maxwell

One Lenawee

Dear Dave:

On behalf of Housing Lenawee, I am writing to thank you for One Lenawee's support of the county-wide Housing Strategic Plan recently completed by CIB Planning. Attached you will find a copy both for print and for posting on-line if you choose to do so. If you do post it on-line, we would appreciate including at least a portion of the Introduction included on page 4 of the final report.

This important work followed the completion of a county-wide Target Market Analysis (TMA) earlier this year and informs Lenawee communities what they need to do in order to solve identified housing issues and realize the market potential identified in the TMA.

If you have any questions or would like more information, the Housing Lenawee team is

available to you. Also available to answer your questions are representatives from either CIB Planning or LandUseUSA. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can help going forward and thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Punnett  
Housing Lenawee

cc: Justin Sprague, CIB Planning – [sprague@cibplanning.com](mailto:sprague@cibplanning.com)

#### **December 21 – Project wrapup Zoom with CIB**

I think this was just to answer any open questions about the report; and more importantly, give direction to CIB about how they would interact with the various communities who have questions and/or seek guidance. Also, how members of Housing Lenawee can assist in the communication process. **This was our final meeting in 2023.**

#### **January 4 Telegram – Land Bank Rejects Being Part of Winter Street Project**

ADRIAN — Adrian-area investors looking to clean up and revitalize a section of downtown Adrian for the purpose of constructing new affordable housing units, were dealt a bit of a blow in early December when a grant opportunity from the state of Michigan in the amount of \$1 million was rejected from being pursued by the [Lenawee County Land Bank Authority](#). This project would bring about 45 additional housing units, as well as provide access to and beautification of the River Raisin.

#### **January 9- Grants**

Dave and Randy met to review the odds of betting grants from Old National Bank, Huntington National Bank, and Consumers energy. Decided to apply first to ONB as their 2024 cycle is just beginning.

Strategic Plan posted on Lenawee County website [Lenawee County Housing Strategic Plan \(pdf\)](#)

#### **January 19 – Meeting to discuss extensive notes on strategic plan from Lisa Hewitt-cruz**

This meeting will review and discuss Lisa's sage comments on our Strategic Plan

#### **January 23 – Regular meeting of Housing Lenawee**

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