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| Program/Area: | Improving the Physical Environment and Educational & Economic Opportunities Workgroup |
| Meeting Purpose: | To share ideas, report on activities, and make decisions for projects concerning the improvement of the physical environment in the towns of Covert, Lodi, Ovid, & Romulus. |
| Meeting Date:  | January 24, 2022 |
| Meeting Time:  | 6:30pm |
| Meeting Location:  | Zoom |
| Workgroup Leaders: | Karel Titus & Ave Bauder |
| Attendees: | Karel Titus, Jean Currie, Maura Toole, Alicia Rivera, Chris Ehlers, Ave Bauder, Tony Del Plato, Deborah Puntenney, Theresa Lahr, Kim Pollack |
| Minutes Issued By:  | Kim Pollack |

| **Next Steps:** (Task, Assigned to, Checkpoint Date) | **Owner** | **Due Date** |
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| **Decisions Made:** (What, Why, Impacts) |
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| **Discussion:** (Items/Knowledge Shared) |
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| **Creating Healthy Schools & Communities** (Ave)* Still looking for director; Mo Tidball is acting director
* Schools have appointed liaisons, things are moving along

**Willard DTC Closure** (ideas for what to do with space)Convert into a county campus with maximizing the potential of the lake ( and public access to it ) with leases for multiple use of the buildings.Farm to fork projects - Gardening· Culinary institute/ culinary art school trainer· Commercial KitchenComposting -Climate Change/Steward ActivitiesCafeHotelArt /theaterHousingYouth centerNorth end programs & services i.e., Office of the Aging satellite office for social services IDA and Chamber of Commerce meeting/community roomsShared multi- small business office with office equipment- printers/copier, computers, laminatingState police barracks/officeA museum as a focal point and anchor of the project given the widespread interest.Repurposing should intentionally highlight the agricultural aspect of our area as well as the unique cultures; Amish community /Indigenous PeoplesWDT Campus sits in both Ovid and Romulus towns. As water & sewer is being sorted out. What is possible to bring water to Lodi . Need to get the towns to the table. ANDNegotiate with the state to demo the condemned buildings· create a priority list of buildings to save.· get permission for the Romulus Historical Society to hold tours and lectures on site to raise awareness and fundsSome states have turned closed psychiatric facilities into remarkably interesting museums … draw visitors from around the country. With all the interest in these sites, this is a popular development idea. Hadley Hall mentioned as an ideal venue. |
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| **Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities*** Karel talked with folks on how to fund EV charging station at library
* Important to find sources of funding
* Climate Smart Communities interested in mitigation projects such as Complete Streets (Maura)

**Composting Group** (Tony)* zoom meeting on March 16th 7pm
* Plan field trips to other projects
* Mo from CCE sent out brief report
* Put out a survey to see who would be interested in participating in a composting program (Ave)
* Look into Monroe County about compost collection system (Karel)

**Cornell Climate Stewards*** People are working on their projects
* Focusing on lake health through the lens of climate change, resiliency and adaptation (Maura)

**Interlaken Park** (Tony)* Stop at Interlaken Village Hall to see info graph that Design Connect students created
* Talking about ways of raising money for projects
* Will create digital presence and physical presence of fundraising goals
* Hoping to recruit high school students to create website for village
* “A Park for All Ages”: the public space they want to create
* Expand green space and physical fitness opportunities (Theresa)

**Loans/Grants** (Kim)* One business owner interested in secondary loan and two are interested in primary loans

**RHPP** (Theresa)* Feb 12 at 2pm memorial event at Interlaken Historical Society

**PARKING LOT**: [Describe any items that may have been deferred for a later discussion]1. [Itemize and describe parking lot topic]
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| **Miscellaneous Items:** |
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