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| Program/Area: | Improving the Physical Environment & Economic & Educational Opportunities Workgroups |
| Meeting Purpose: | To share ideas, report on activities, and make decisions for projects concerning the improvement of the physical environment + improving economic & educational opportunities in the towns of Covert, Lodi, Ovid, & Romulus. |
| Meeting Date: | October 25, 2021 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30pm |
| Meeting Location: | Zoom |
| Workgroup Leader: | Karel Titus + Ave Bauder |
| Attendees: | List names Karel Titus, Tony Del Plato, Jean Currie, Phyllis Motill, AJ Van Curen, Leon Kelly, Theresa Lahr, Kim Pollack |
| Minutes Issued By: | Kim Pollack |

| **Next Steps:** (Task, Assigned to, Checkpoint Date) | **Owner** | **Due Date** |
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| Move Munson Rd book box to Covert Dollar Store | Jean, Kristin | N/A |

| **Decisions Made:** (What, Why, Impacts) |
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| 1. **Next E3 Meeting is the 5th Monday (November 29th) at 6:30pm via Zoom**    * [Provide additional description of or information about the decision] 2. [List and describe decision made]    * [Provide additional description of or information about the decision] |

| **Discussion:** (Items/Knowledge Shared) |
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| **Vision: for increased communication & engagement**  **How to reach other people who are not involved with STEPS? (Theresa)**   * How to make community connection appealing to people who are busy, who believe in individualism over community? (Tony) * People are moving away from community; mentioned book ‘Bowling Alone’ (Jean) * At the Lodi pantry, people want to talk. We need to find ways to engage people, to learn about people. * Find out what people’s interests are (Theresa) * Face to face contact will get people talking (Tony) * The Lodi pantry is working on a grant to pay people to visit homes. (Karel) * Start with one to one conversations and then bring them into the group. (Karel) * Encourage lonely people to talk to others and not wallow in their loneliness. (Jean)   **Continued Visioning Process**   * Support a park in Interlaken (Tony) * Community projects & increased engagement (Karel) * More messaging on a sense/pride of place & community cohesion (Theresa)   **Updates**   * Healthy Schools & Communities Grant—still searching for a director (Ave) * Clean Energy Communities—Lodi is still working to become a certified Clean Energy Community & get an electric car charger (Karel) * Next Composting meeting on December 1st 7pm on Zoom. (Tony) * Possible site for composting operation on Tunison Rd (Tony) * Climate Stewards halfway through training (Ave) * Book boxes doing well (Jean) * Two possible microenterprise grants/loans in the works (Theresa) * Restoring murals at Ovid Community Garden (Theresa) * Lodi Community Garden has been providing herbs & flowers to the pantry (Karel) * RHPP—expansion of chair yoga program (Theresa)   **Upcoming Events**   * Art & Environmental Struggle Exhibit November 1, 6:30pm * Emergency Preparedness Meeting November 10th 6:30pm * Risers November 15th 6:30pm * Tree lighting November 28th 4pm   **PARKING LOT**: [Describe any items that may have been deferred for a later discussion]   1. [Itemize and describe parking lot topic] |

| **Miscellaneous Items:** |
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| [Itemize and describe any additional miscellaneous items]   * [Provide additional details about the miscellaneous items]   [Itemize and describe any additional miscellaneous items]   * [Provide additional details about the miscellaneous items] |