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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]
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| **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]
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| **Miscellaneous Items:** |
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