

## Quality of Life Minutes – March 15 Meeting

Members Present: Karen Parenteau, Tony Comito, Ken De Cock, Arthur Mullen, Roy Rose, I.J. Campbell (member candidate), Mike Rozny (DPED committee liaison).

1) The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

2) Karen recapped the committee's work in 2006 and explained how that will feed into its objectives for 2007.

We discussed our objectives for this year

- development and implementation of a County website to promote tourism, and the use of businesses and institutions within Macomb County; and
- the development of an "Executives Club" to promote discussion and to recognize outstanding contributors to the County's Quality of Life.

There is concern about whether the County will implement these ideas, and how it would do so. Mike said that DPED would implement them, given adequate available resources. He will also ask Steve Cassin to address this with the Committee.

We agreed to develop the website idea by the end of July. As a first step, everybody is requested to go on the Oakland County website to assess its coverage and how it works. We may want to invite somebody from that County to address us. Tony Comito suggested that we use some college interns to develop the site for us. This will be discussed as we progress.

We agreed to develop the Executives Club idea starting in by the end of October; and then begin to address the longer- range objectives at the end of the year.

3) We discussed committee membership and agreed that the following general areas require committee representation:

- IT
- Arts & Culture
- Parks & Recreation
- Tourism

The Committee Co-Chairs will select members and present them at the next Committee meeting. It was agreed that membership from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan would be desired. Mike will try to identify a candidate from that organization.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30. The next meeting will be at Citizens State Bank at 4:00 on Thursday April 12. Steve Cassin will present to the Committee.