

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE **CONVENTION 2023**



ARPA Priorities & Federal Funding Wins

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Setting the table



Setting the table for the outcomes you want

Kalamazoo City Commission & Community Priorities

- Community Surveys (2)
- City Commission retreat & public discussion
 - Safety
 - Housing
 - Economy
 - Infrastructure
 - Youth
 - Housing



Translating Priorities into Projects & Programs

Safety

- Gun violence initiatives that included many organizational partners

Housing

- Grant program to assist non-profit housing organizations
- Grant and low-interest loans to LIHTC developments

Economy

- Supporting grants and low interest loans through the United Way

Infrastructure

- Assisting with lead pipe removal
- Traffic Calming

Youth

- Supporting programmed interventions that would help reduce the likelihood of group violence



ARPA Projects that keep on giving

Housing

- **Library of 6 Pre-permitted plans**
 - SF 3 or 4- Bedroom
 - Up/Down Duplex
 - Side by Side Duplex
 - Garage Accessory Dwelling Unit
 - Cottage Home (ADU)
 - 4-Plex/6-Plex
- **(3) Pre-permitted Duplexes with Accessory Dwelling Units**
- **(30) Pre-permitted Single-Family Homes**
- **300 Units of Multi-family housing supported through one time grants**



Preparing for Federal Grants

Incremental Steps to Success

- 2022 RAISE Planning Grant (\$6,000,000)
- 2023 Reconnecting Communities (\$12,000,000)

- *2023 Applying for RAISE Construction Grant (\$25,000,000) x2*

Preparing for Federal Grant Applications - Planning & Engagement (setting the table again!)

Planning for the future

- There are incremental steps for success
- Detail your infrastructure goals – make them actionable

Know the application process – start working toward the information:

- Environmental Justice
- Economic outcomes
- Engage your community on specific outcomes
- Place matters, walkability matters, pilot projects to test ideas
- Master Plan every step of the process – day one idea engagement to cones on the road



Dan Burden & Rebekah Kik 2013
“if you dare to dream it”

Pilot everything you can & gather data



11 SPEED HUMPS INSTALLED

Calming 2.9 lane miles
of residential streets



RESIDENTIAL INTERSECTIONS

Mini roundabout &
curb bump out pilots



RIGHT SIZED VEHICLE LANES & ADDING BIKE LANES

Calming 5.5 lane miles
of city streets



10+ LANE MILES OF NEW BIKES LANES

Bike wave delineator,
bollards, paint, cones



2+ MILES OF SIDEWALK
REPAIRED OR BUILT,
CONNECTING
7+ MILES OF THE
NETWORK

75+ INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Curb extensions, painted
and raised, improved
crosswalks

Preparing for Federal Grant Applications – Planning & Engagement

Streets for All

- 2017 Master Plan that was written for Land Use & Transportation integration
- 2018 Adopted Complete Streets Policy
- 2018 Retail Market Analysis
- 2019 Jurisdictional Transfer (\$10,000,000/ 10 years)
- 2021 Street Design Manual



Thank You!

Outcomes:

1. Healing & Happiness
2. Repair & Reconnecting
3. Policy to Pilot to Project
4. Land Use & Transportation
5. Housing Boom... From 0 to 48





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2014 hired as City Planner, 2017 promoted to Director of Community Planning and Economic Development, 2022 started as Asst. City Manager. Rebekah has led many projects including Imagine Kalamazoo, pre-permitted plan sets, and the two-way streets restoration currently underway.

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