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ALLIANCE LEARNS ABOUT LORAIN

The Gould Auditorium at St. Joseph Community Center hosted the February 3rd general membership meeting of the Lorain County Community Alliance, where attendees learned about the latest redevelopment initiatives underway in the City of Lorain and the proposed new Lorain County Transit bus routes.

Chris Bauer, Associate Planner with the City of Lorain Community Development Department, shared that although the downtown area is still struggling, conditions are much better and steadily improving.

The Harbor Walk development is currently one-third completed, and has sparked retail development interest, Bauer said. In addition, the City has an industrial park ready for development once road access is established. The site will provide excellent access to water transportation, interstates and the Ohio Turnpike.

The City is also working to ensure the Maritime Museum locates at the Pellet terminal site, which is a prime location for future development efforts.

Tom Ferguson, Director of Lorain County transit, provided an overview of the proposed revised bus routes throughout the county, which are designed to better meet the needs of citizens. The system currently features 37 buses and 3 trolleys operating fixed route, dial-a-ride, and link services. The system, which provided transportation to 800,000 people in 2005, was last modified in 2000.

2006 Lorain County Community Alliance Officers

Chair– Lorain County Commissioner Betty Blair

Vice-Chair– Amherst Township Trustee Neil Lynch

Treasurer—LaGrange Village Administrator Walt Sukey

Secretary– Lorain County Commissioner Lori Kokoski



Next Meeting: April 7, 2006

Time: 9 am

Location: Spitzer Conference Center

Program: Lorain County Transportation Day