



CONVERSATION-STARTERS COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

FIRST, NEXT MEETING

Schedule your next conversation while you are face-to-face with each other, before discussing the questions below. Pull out your calendars and set your next meeting—

Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

NOW, CONVERSATION

Don't feel like you have to work through these questions systematically; just use them as a springboard to honest discussion. Feel free to ask additional questions as well.

1. As a child, were you more likely to spend time at the park or in the library? As an adult, what is the last occasion that you spent time at a park or in a library?
2. How did you first become aware of Lansing's parks (where they are, how many we have, what they offer)? If you grew up in Lansing, was there a park near your home? If you moved to Lansing as an adult, were parks a selling point?
3. Lansing has a Park Board made up of volunteers who help maintain and enhance Lansing's parks, bike path, and fitness center. If you were on the Park Board, what ideas would you suggest?
4. The Lansing Public Library has been intentional about becoming a "community center" offering classes, programs, concerts, meeting rooms, computers, and other services. If you were on the Library Board, what ideas would you have for serving the community?
5. Lansing's parks and library were established by earlier generations who were mostly white. Is it necessary for these institutions to change in order to serve today's more diverse Lansing?