

8/4 Memorial Committee Minutes

Monday, August 2, 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Committee members present included:

Dion Green, FUDGE Foundation

Dana Graham, ODBA Board Member, Community Manager, Genuine Work

Kevin Gray, Westchester Education Services

Natalie Skilliter, Owner of Corner Kitchen, ODBA President

Austin Smith, Owner, Ned Peppers

Holly Hornbeak, City of Dayton

Linda Ashworth, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

Michelle Lovely, The Dayton Foundation

Chris Shaw, Dayton City Commission

Bethany Ramsey, Owner of Puff Apothecary, Oregon District Resident

Rob Jones, Ferncliff Funeral Director, Oregon District Resident

Sandra Gudorf, President, Downtown Dayton Partnership

Sandy Hunt, Director of Witness Division, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office

Committee Members not present: Samantha Elder, Brian Zamostny, Torey Hollingsworth, LaSandra James

Staff:

Beth Whelley, Fahlgren Mortine, Facilitator

Elizabeth Mills, DDP

Laura Woeste, DDP

Sandy Gudorf, President, Downtown Dayton Partnership and Committee Co-Chair welcomed the committee and shared that the Zoom meeting is being recorded and will be posted on a password protected website so it can be accessed by the committee at any time.

Sandy Hunt, Director of Witness Division, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office and Committee Co-Chair, also made welcoming remarks and emphasized that everyone in our community has been impacted by this tragedy. She also emphasized that it's important to acknowledge that and we should all care for ourselves and each other. She also noted there are resources available if anyone needs assistance.

Sandy Hunt then asked for a moment of silence prior to introducing Dion Green from the FUDGE Foundation.

Dion Green, FUDGE Foundation, shared information about the second anniversary event planned for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, outside of Blind Bob's. The event will include candle service, music and prayer.

Survey Results: Laura Woeste, Downtown Dayton Partnership, presented an overview of the 151 responses to the survey received from the initial targeted groups – victims' families, survivors, first responders, and Oregon District business owners and residents.

The survey was shared with the committee prior to the meeting. After the presentation, Sandy Gudorf asked the committee if there were any questions or comments related to the survey.

There was some discussion as to the percentage of respondents from the neighborhood and if the results are reflective of the neighborhood. Sandy Gudorf shared that the surveys were distributed through the ODBA and the neighborhood association so we do not know the exact percentage. There was discussion regarding gathering more information from the neighborhood, which could happen through more surveying and the upcoming focus groups. The Public Input Committee will discuss this in greater detail.

Vision Statement: Beth Whelley led a facilitated discussion with the committee to create a vision statement based on:

We will [what will we do or make possible...] so that [who (can be multiple entities)] will/can [be able to/ be/ do].

She asked the committee to identify key words and phrases to include or avoid as we move forward in drafting the vision statement. The intention is to look at those phrases and present a few options for vision statements after the discussion. Beth Whelley encouraged the committee to use the chat function as well.

After a thoughtful and active discussion, Beth said that we would come back with two or three options for a vision statement. She also thanked everyone for their participation.

Sandy Gudorf thanked Beth Whelley and asked the committee to send any additional comments if thoughts come to mind after the meeting. She also shared that there will be more opportunities for additional comments as we collect more data, adding that the vision statement could continue to evolve or be affirmed with more community input.

Next steps:

- DDP to send the recording, minutes and next steps
- DDP is setting up a password protected section on the DDP website where all information will be saved so committee members can review throughout the process
- DDP will be sending out regular meeting options
- Subcommittee meetings will be scheduled to continue work so activities can be reported back to the Steering Committee
- Draft vision statements will be sent out based on today's discussion

Rob Jones reported that there will be a gathering at 5:30 on Wednesday at Newcom Park in the neighborhood for a moment of silence before heading to Fifth Street.

Sandy Hunt thanked everyone for joining the call, again acknowledging this is a difficult week for everyone. She shared that she will be in the District with crisis responders, encouraged everyone to take a moment for themselves, and shared that she is around if anyone needs anything.

Note: Meeting recording and chat comments are available on the DDP Website.