



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

4:00-5:30 p.m.

at

Downtown Dayton Partnership & Virtually via Zoom

MINUTES

A meeting of the Downtown Dayton Partnership (DDP) Executive Committee was held Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., at the Downtown Dayton Partnership, and via Zoom virtual meetings. Co-Chair Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., presided.

Also in attendance were Mr. Edward Bentley, Mr. Michael Colbert, Mr. David Dickerson, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, Ms. Diane Ewing, Mr. Peter Haley, Ms. Shannon Isom, Ms. Madeline Iseli, Commissioner Deborah Lieberman, Ms. Julie Liss-Katz, Ms. Jenny Michael, Mr. Bob Ruzinsky, Mr. Ty Sutton, and Mr. Jason Woodard. All other Executive Committee members were absent and excused. Also in attendance was DDP board member, Ms. Helen Jones-Kelley, ADAMHS, and Mr. Vincent Sabrino, RI International, as well as guests from Montgomery County and RI International.

Downtown Dayton Partnership staff members in attendance were Ms. Sandy Gudorf, and Ms. Colleen Turner.

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., opened the Executive Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed all who were present. Introductions were made. After receiving a quorum, Mayor Mims asked for a motion to approve the November 23, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Peter Haley, and seconded by Ms. Diane Ewing. The motion unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Crisis Now Facility

Ms. Gudorf introduced Ms. Helen Jones-Kelley, Executive Director of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) who explained in detail the vision for a new Crisis Now Facility. She reported that ADAMHS is planning a new infrastructure for mental health emergencies, including a call center, a mobile crisis unit, and a drop-off center for up to 23 hours of crisis. Plans are to purchase the former AAA building at 825 S. Ludlow St. to house the new local services. Ms. Jones-Kelley said the free-standing facility would respond effectively and compassionately to behavioral health and addiction crises.

Ms. Jones-Kelley reported that at the drop off facility, people could be treated for up to 23 hours, talk to staff about what they need, and get such needed care as medication, counseling, detox, or outside referrals. A medical team will be on site as well. There will be a short term drop-off so that immediate assessments can be made, with a determination about whether the guests need to be kept overnight or only a few hours for observation. Ms. Jones-Kelley said police will be able to bring people in mental health crises to the center, which should also mean saving police time compared to going to a hospital emergency room. Ms. Jones-Kelley anticipates a small percentage of people would need to be transferred to a longer-term setting than the 23-hour center.

Ms. Jones-Kelley reported that a new hotline was launched on January 1 and that the hotline has already taken more than 500 crisis calls this year. Pending approval of the Ludlow site by the City of Dayton Board of Zoning Appeals in March, Recovery Innovations, Inc. (RI) International will begin work on the crisis receiving center being proposed at Ludlow Street.

Ms. Jones-Kelley said that community meetings are scheduled to share information and answer questions from the community. She invited all to attend. Ms. Jones-Kelley asked Executive Committee to endorse/support the Crisis Now facility.

A motion was not made to approve the endorsement of the Crisis Now facility, pending gathering more information and discussing next steps.

2020 Audit

Mr. Ed Bentley reported that the audit is complete. He has looked at the draft financial statements and disclosures and there are only normal adjusting entries. There are no issues with the audit. A copy of the management letter will be sent to Executive Committee members. Mayor Mims asked for a motion to approve the 2020 audit. A motion to approve the audit was made by Ms. Julie Liss-Katz, and seconded by Mr. Ty Sutton. The motion unanimously passed.

DDP Office Space

Mr. Dave Dickerson gave an update regarding the DDP's office search. He reported that the Office Search Committee had hoped to be further along in securing an office space. Mr. Dickerson reported that based on feedback from the search team and staff, the 6 N. Main Street property was the top choice. Negotiations proceeded slowly over the past 6 months with the property owner. Renovations costs have come in substantially higher than originally proposed with the property owners looking to the DDP to fund a significant amount of the renovation costs.

The DDP Search Committee will meet to discuss options, but pending any significant changes, the Office Search Committee will need to move on and look at other spaces, Mr. Dickerson added that this may mean starting the search all over again.

Other Business

Co-Chair Mims, Jr., thanked everyone for attending the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Mr. Jason Woodard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Jenny Michael. The motion unanimously passed. The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.