



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Downtown Dayton Partnership
10 W. Second St., Suite 611
Dayton, OH 45402**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Downtown Dayton Partnership (DDP) Executive Committee was held Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., at the office of the Downtown Dayton Partnership. Co-Chairs Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., and Mr. Dan Meixner presided.

Also in attendance were Mr. Edward Bentley, Ms. Lainie Dean, Mr. David Dickerson, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, Mr. Peter Haley, Ms. Madeline Iseli, Ms. Shannon Isom, Ms. Julie Liss-Katz, Mr. Dan Meixner, Ms. Jenny Michael, Mr. Bob Ruzinsky, and Mr. Ty Sutton. All other Executive Committee members were absent and excused.

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

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Co-Chairs Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., and Mr. Dan Meixner opened the Executive Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. After receiving a quorum, Mr. Meixner asked for a motion to approve the October 6, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Bob Ruzinsky and seconded by Mr. David Dickerson. The motion unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2023 Draft Budget

Mr. Edward Bentley presented the proposed 2023 budget. He explained that the proposed budget's total expenses are \$2,315,475. He reported that the proposed budget is conservative, and both revenue and expenditures remain constant. There are a few minor changes to the income and expense areas. Mr. Bentley introduced Ms. Sandy Gudorf to explain the membership dues.

Ms. Gudorf reported there is a significant increase in proposed membership dues in 2023 because Crawford Hoying and other property owners outside the SID will start paying membership dues in 2023, which will total approximately \$75,000. Ms. Gudorf also reported that Dayton Live & Arts Center Foundation worked to get special legislation passed during the COVID-19 pandemic which allowed performing arts centers to not pay assessments. Mr. Sutton agreed to pay a volunteer membership each year in the amount of the organization's annual SID assessment. This will reduce the revenue coming directly through the SID. Instead, the amount will be shown as a voluntary membership.

Ms. Gudorf also noted that Montgomery County reports approximately \$189,000 of back assessments that have not been paid. Some delinquent assessments go back many years.

In review, Mr. Bentley said the best efforts have been made in projecting revenues, and the expenses have been reasonably identified. After some discussion, Mr. Bentley asked for a motion to approve the 2023 budget. Mr. Meixner asked for a motion to approve the 2023 Draft Budget. Ms. Madeline Iseli motioned to approve, and Mr. Peter Haley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DDP Audit

Mr. Bentley reported that the audit is complete. He has reviewed the draft financial statements and disclosures, and there are only normal adjusting entries. There are no issues on the audit to report to the Executive Committee. Mr. Meixner asked for a motion to accept the audit. Mr. Bob Ruzinsky made the motion, and Mr. Dave Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee Recommendations

Mr. Dan Meixner reviewed the Nominating Committee's recommendations. He reported that the names submitted are recommendations only. No individuals have been approached, pending the Executive Committee's approval. Mr. Meixner asked for a motion to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations. Mr. Meixner said an effort is being made to seek potential new board members, with an eye toward strengthening diversity on the DDP Board, as well as adding property owners. The motion to approve was made by Ms. Jenny Michael and seconded by Mr. Dave Dickerson. The motion unanimously passed.

Fourth & Jefferson Issues

Ms. Gudorf gave a brief summary of the issues at Fourth & Jefferson pertaining to youth issues after school. She reported that downtown constituents have noticed a significant increase in gatherings of youth at Fourth & Jefferson streets. The DDP put together a team that included representatives from Dayton Public Schools (DPS), Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA), the City of Dayton, and property owners to discuss strategies on how to deal with the situation. The shooting in the Fire Blocks District also escalated concerns. There have been several meetings to try to address the situation. The team is working on short-term, as well as long-term, strategies.

There was a meeting with Dayton Public Schools and the charter schools to convince the charter schools to take some responsibility for their students. Ms. Gudorf also reported that the police have done an incredible job by increasing their presence. GDRTA has also increased their off-duty police contracts in an effort to put more security at that corner. In the long term, the goal is to transport students on yellow buses and not have them transferring downtown. Ms. Gudorf said this is just an overview of a multi-layered, difficult situation. Ms. Gudorf introduced Mr. Bob Ruzinsky and Ms. Shelley Dickstein who gave their thoughts on the situation.

Dayton Holiday Festival

Ms. Gudorf reported that the tree lighting is slated for November 25, 2022. Ms. Gudorf said the Dayton Holiday Festival (DHF) is celebrating its 50th anniversary. She thanked all for their generous sponsorships. Ms. Gudorf also noted that an invitation to the VIP suite is in the board packets. She invited all to attend.

2022 SID Annual Meeting

Ms. Gudorf reported that the DDP hosted its annual review of progress in the SID at the Old Courthouse on Tuesday, November 15. DDP staff and guest speakers took to the stage to give updates and highlight progress in the urban core.

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Ms. Gudorf informed the Executive Committee that the 990 tax form has been circulated to the members of the Executive Committee and filed with the IRS.

Executive Session

Mr. Meixner asked for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Ms. Julie-Liss Katz motioned, and Ms. Jenny Michael seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Sandy Gudorf and Ms. Colleen Turner were excused.