



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 5, 2023

4:00-5:30 p.m.

at

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

MINUTES

A meeting of the Downtown Dayton Partnership (DDP) Executive Committee was held Tuesday, October 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Downtown Dayton Partnership. Co-Chairs Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr. and Mr. Dan Meixner presided.

Also in attendance were Ms. Lainie Dean, Mr. Peter Haley, Ms. Madeline Iseli, 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. Downtown Dayton Partnership staff members in attendance were Ms. Alaina Geres, Ms. Katie Meyer, and Ms. Colleen Turner.

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Dan Meixner opened the Executive Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed all who were present. After receiving a quorum, Mr. Meixner asked for a motion to approve the August 22, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Madeline Iseli and seconded by Mr. Bob Ruzinsky. The motion unanimously passed.

Introduction of New DDP President

Mr. Meixner welcomed Katie Meyer to the team. Mr. Meixner said that those fortunate to meet Katie during the interview know how enthusiastic she is about the president's role, downtown, urban communities, and economic development.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DDP President Presents 90-Day Plan

Ms. Meyer started by saying that the two-week transition period with Ms. Sandy Gudorf was very helpful. Ms. Meyer reported that her 90-day plan includes:

- One-on-one staff briefings on DDP initiatives
- Reviewing regulatory and governing documents
- Meeting with key stakeholders
- SID annual meeting, Dayton Holiday Festival planning
- Public safety discussion
- Assessment of the Greater Downtown Dayton Plan & Rediscover Downtown Dayton Action Plan
- DDP Board engagement on 2024 priorities
- 2024 work plan and budget
- Office relocation and holiday party
- Holiday business promotions
- Year-end reporting

Ms. Meyer announced that she has given interviews with radio stations and the media. She also announced that Tina Gilley, Block by Block operations manager for the ambassadors, has resigned from her position. Tina's last day is October 10th. The DDP is planning a farewell luncheon for her on October 18th. She invited all to attend. Block by Block is searching for a candidate to fill the position. In the interim, Block by Block has a person they will bring in as an interim operations manager while going through the hiring process.

Resolutions for Adoption by DDP Executive Committee

Ms. Meyer reported that the resolutions are related to Ms. Sandy Gudorf's deferred compensation funds. Ms. Meyer reported that Mr. Ed Bentley had recommended to her that the resolutions be adopted by the Executive Committee in order to give Mr. Bentley the authority to release those funds to Ms.

Gudorf. After discussion, Mr. Meixner said the document consists of form language from the broker or a blanket document that gives one officer a lot of authority. The Executive Committee felt the resolutions were very broad and they were not comfortable with the language.

Mr. Meixner requested a motion to authorize Mr. Ed Bentley to resolve Ms. Sandy Gudorf's deferred compensation plan, and not adopt the seven resolutions listed in the document, and that the Executive Committee work with Mr. Bentley and the brokerage firm on language that the Executive Committee is comfortable with. Mayor Mims made the motion, and Mr. Bob Ruzinsky seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Meixner said he would have a discussion with Mr. Bentley and the DDP Secretary, Mr. Sam Warwar.

UPDATES

Fourth & Jefferson

Ms. Meyer reported there has been much concern about the Fourth & Jefferson situation. As a result of the shooting that occurred two weeks ago, there has been much public feedback about the perception of safety downtown. The team has decided to host meetings for the downtown businesses, real estate, and residential community members to get their input and gather data that would then be delivered to the City. The City of Dayton plans to have a larger strategic conversation in the next 30-45 days. The City will use the data as part of its research on potential solutions. Ms. Meyer passed around the meeting announcement. The meetings will take place on October 12, 3-6 p.m. The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce will host the meetings. She invited all to attend.

Office Move

Ms. Alaina Geres gave an update. She reported the following:

- The DDP office move team discovered that it was not cost-effective to utilize much of the furniture from Premier Health.
- The DDP is able to utilize some chairs from Premier Health. The chairs have been delivered and are stored in the new office's storage space.
- The office move team is working on the furniture quote.
- The lease is executed.
- The DDP is waiting on the schedule from the leasing agent.
- A meeting is scheduled with DataYard to determine when they can start their work.
- The DDP does not anticipate any budget challenges.

SID Annual Meeting

Ms. Meyer gave an update. She reported the following:

- The SID Board of Directors approved two potential meeting dates: November 14, 3:30 p.m.; and November 15, 8:30 a.m.
- Ms. Meyer has asked the Convention Center to host the annual meeting on one of the proposed dates/times.
- A final date/time will be given within the next week.
- The agenda for the meeting will include celebrating the successes of downtown, as well as using some type of interactive technology to engage attendees in the conversation.
- Other considerations include having a panel give an update on the residential momentum since it is a driving force for economic development.

Development Tour

Ms. Geres gave an update. She reported:

- The Downtown Development Tour is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2023, 2-5 p.m.
- This is the eighth annual development tour.
- RTA has donated two shuttle buses for the tour.
- Some locations scheduled for the tour include The Delco, Liberty Tower, and the 112 Webster Street building.

Dayton Holiday Festival (DHF)

- Ms. Meyer reported that the festival will take place this year on November 24, 2023, 3-8 p.m.
- Due to the issues from 2022, unsurprisingly, there are vendors who have decided not to participate this year, and the parade may be a bit smaller.
- DDP staff are working diligently on logistics with the City of Dayton Police Department to make some adjustments and make sure everyone is on the same page with communication during the festival.
- The DHF tree will not be in the fountain this year. It will be set up on the Courthouse Square stage.

Other Business

Mr. Meixner thanked all for coming. With no other business to discuss, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.