

FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM OF DAYTON OHIO

NEXT EVENT: October 28th

September 16, 2020

Via Zoom, hosted by

In attendance were:

Willis Serr (Centerville)	Brenda Fry (Riverside)
Georgeann Godsey (Harrison Twp)	Yvette Page (Trotwood)
Roland Winburn (Harrison Twp)	Richard Herbst (Vandalia)
Richard Shaw (Huber Heights)	Rick Barnhart (West Carrollton)
Greg Merkle (Clayton)	Bruce Duke (Kettering)
Kenny Henning (Clayton)	Judy Cook, Chair Emeritus
Bill Lautar (Kettering)	Jack Jensen, Executive Director
Steve Byington (Oakwood)	Jay Weiskircher, Mayors /Managers
April Franklin (Riverside)	Dr. Richard Stock, PHD
Ron Vaughn (Trotwood)	Tracy Williams (Guest)
Kurt Althouse, (Vandalia)	Nancy Byrge (Huber Heights)
	Teri Davis (Clerk)

Willis Serr chaired the meeting. He thanked the City of Centerville and Teri Davis for being our Zoom host.

Dr. Richard Stock, PHD gave a presentation comparing today's job statistics to those of the great recession. The biggest differences are the wage structure in the job losses. We lost high wage jobs in professional and business services during the great recession. The nature of the job losses now involves people that were already on the edge, without reserves. The Federal gained jobs 2007 to 2010 associated with BRAC and the Base. We have had profound job losses in State and local government.

Unemployment claims reached a peak at the end of April (Dayton Metro area) and then it began falling off. Nationally we may be at an 8% rate. We are concerned that underestimating is not indicating the suffering. Of the covered employees, we have a 6.1% unemployment rate. It could be 50 to 75% higher than that if you included those who are not covered. Low income families are having to decide whether to work and leave their young children at home alone. All main street economists are in agreement that the suffering would have been far less if dollars had been spent on state and local employment during the great recession. We do not have an adequate safety net.

Dr. Stock felt Dayton is doing better this time around because our employment is more diversified and the Base offers us stability. The retiring baby boomers are going to occur in the next few years and how do we fill those jobs.

The power point presentation is available to those interested to review them again.

- See ROUNDTABLE comments below.

Minutes were presented and corrected to indicate the previous balance was \$29,060.22.

Steve Byington made a motion, Bruce Duke seconded – minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report - \$29,674.72 ending balance. The question was asked as to what this money will be used for. Jack explained that it might be used for the future Executive Director and/or for lobbying. It was moved by Steve Byington and seconded by Bruce Duke to accept this report.

Jack Jensen suggested that dues for 2020 carry-over and cover the dues for 2021. Steve Byington made the motion and Bruce Duke seconded – approved.

Nancy Byrge of Huber Heights asked that we encourage completion of the 2020 census as our numbers were lower than the prior census.

Bill Serr suggested it is important to resume our meetings through the end of the year. October 28<sup>th</sup> Dayton Development Coalition and December 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Municipal League.

In October we will be appointing a nominating committee for officers, if you wish to volunteer, please let Jack know. OML and NLC are having virtual meetings. They have openings for officers if you are a member and wish to apply.

Jack reported that we did not invest in a CD as suggested due to the drop-in rates. The joint meeting with Townships has been postponed until 2021.

Bill Serr adjourned the meeting.

Roundtable:

Harrison Township – concerns about low income individuals not eligible for unemployment. We continue to focus on tornado recovery, homes are on track while businesses seem to be taking longer to recover.

Oakwood – Our business district is strong. We had an opening for Spicy Olive, as a residential community we are doing all we can do with our recreation. On Friday we encouraged residents to come out to the front porch and say high to their neighbors.

West Carrollton – We passed a fire safety levy just before this happened. We are going to be down quite a bit due to income tax. We are offering programs at least once a month to get citizens out of the house. We have had people pull out of economic development projects.

Vandalia – Everyone is back to work. We did an update and income tax revenue is up about 1%. Our Rec center is open. Our Senior Citizens Center is scheduled to open. The Golf course – August filled to capacity almost every day and scheduled for the same in September.

Riverside – We have a few restaurants that have closed permanently. We are watching our budget. We had a very few lay offs.

Kettering – The Synchrony financial situation has been in the news. The Ice Rink opened, we used federal funds for fire and police department. Our schools are on line for the first nine weeks. We served over 100,000 meals were delivered to families via school buses.

Trotwood - The City of Trotwood, Schools, remote learning are even with others.

We laid almost no one off. The City of Trotwood received \$834,000 and will use it to put in sanitation systems, exhaust technology.

Clayton - We have looked at budget and specifically at those that do not need to be done.

Englewood and Union are sharing dispatch for medics as well as having one medic for COVID

Meadowbrook Golf has been open, however the banquet center has suffered.

Huber Heights – New businesses are opening Chick, Fil A, Star Bucks, Big Sandys Superstore. We suspended summer employees. We are installing touchless fixtures.

Bruce Duke encouraged members to review bills impacting our communities. OML is reviewing these and we need to stay on top of these.

Jay Weiskircher reported what they were doing locally to see that we are communicating well.

Centerville - We seem to be working normally, We have unveiled a design for the Uptown Area of Centerville. Tonight is the open house to review the plan.

Harrison Township – Tomorrow there will be an I70-I75 development which is going to focus on the Responses to the Tornado. Things that were done right and those that are could have been done better. MVRPC has indicated that the 211 number is still active and accepting calls. They also have GIS Maps available.

Trotwood stated that they are 98% recovered. A few homes are not going to be rebuilt. Hara Arena needs 30 – 60 days to determine what can be saved. Woodland Hills needs a week for a forensic engineer to decide what can be rebuilt.

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