



City creates task force to assess future of Convention Center

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Dayton City leaders announced today plans to create a task force to assess the future of the Dayton Convention Center.

The task force, which will be led by City Commissioner Christopher Shaw and Chamber of Commerce President Phil Parker, will evaluate the current state of the facility, financial situation, and potential for future development. This effort is on the heels of a feasibility study conducted last year by Crossroads Consulting Services of Tampa, Fla., which indicated the facility needs major renovations that could cost millions.

"We are entrusting the task force to provide a thorough analysis of the facility's impact to the community and to make a well-informed and objective recommendation for moving forward," said City Manager Shelley Dickstein.

Members of the Task Force include:

- Anita Adams- Jenkins - Kettering Medical Center
- Col. Jack Blackhurst - WPAFB/AFRL retired
- Branford Brown - Dayton Miami Valley Urban League
- Michael Colbert - Montgomery County
- Kris Davis - Crowne Plaza Dayton
- Sandy Gudorf - Downtown Dayton Partnership
- Ben Haller - Marriott (University of Dayton)
- Jeff Hoagland - Dayton Development Coalition
- Mike Maiberher - Premier Health
- David Mellen - PNC
- Bob Murphy - The Dayton Dragons
- Mike Parks - The Dayton Foundation
- Cathy Ponitz - CareSource Foundation

- Jacquie Powell - Dayton CVB
- Tom Ritchie Sr. - Dayton Miami Valley AFL-CIO
- Michael Roediger - Dayton Art Institute
- Colleen Ryan - Vectren Energy Delivery
- Dr. Eric Spina - University of Dayton
- Steve Tieber - The Dublin Pub
- Rev. Dr. Daryl Ward - Omega Baptist Church
- Jason Woodard - Woodard Real Estate Services

About the DCC

Built in 1973, the Convention Center has 150,000 square feet of floor space and 77,000 square feet of exhibit space. In addition, the Convention Center hosts several tenants including the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Region Manufacturers Association and the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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