

Safety Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
September 21 2020

The Safety Committee met via Zoom steamed live on YouTube on Monday, September 21, 2020 with these members in attendance:

Mark Labutis- Chair
Spencer Barker – Vice-chair
Jeremy Blake
Sean Fennell
Jeff Rath

We wish to report:

1. Deb Tegtmeier to discuss the findings of the consultants regarding homelessness.

Ms. Deb Tegtmeier, Executive Director for Licking County Coalition for Housing, gave an overview of the Licking County Task Force for Homelessness and the work that has been done through July of 2020 including the AI Report.

They are now at the point where an implementation process needs to be decided. The Board of the Licking County Coalition for Housing will be meeting on 9-22-20 to discuss the process.

Ms. Tegtmeier gave her phone number and email address for anyone who has any questions to contact her and she will do her best to answer or to point you in the right direction. Her office number is 740-345-1970 ext 212 and her email is dtegtmeier@lcchousing.org.

Mr. Dan DeLawder, Chair of Newark Development Partners, spoke regarding their cooperation with the Task Force in the process of the research and development of the low barrier shelter and the AI Report. He gave an overview of the path forward as he sees it. Mr. DeLawder gave his phone numbers for citizens interested in volunteering their services. They are 740-349-3746 at PNB and 740-328-9221 his personal number.

Ms. Deb Dingus, Executive Director United Way, also weighed in on the homelessness issue and the issues at hand regarding a low barrier shelter in Newark and United Way's involvement in this process.

Ms. Melissa Lanter, Beacon 360 Management spoke briefly about their concerns regarding the homelessness issues and some of the problems they have had within their communities in relation to the homeless issues.

There were a number of citizens with questions regarding the AI Report, the Task Force and the path forward, unfortunately, it was necessary to suspend the meeting due to time constraints.

The full meeting is available for viewing on the Newark City Council YouTube channel under 9/21/2020 Newark City Council Committee Meetings.

Mark Labutis, Chair