



Community forums, strategic investment and campus re-use effort announced for Northwest Dayton

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The City of Dayton, Premier Health and CityWide Development have announced plans to continue their partnership work in the neighborhoods surrounding the Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) campus in Northwest Dayton. The work has been known as the Phoenix Project, and a special initiative named Phoenix Next is now being launched.

Public forums will focus on a vision for the future

Two public forums will be held on Thursday, March 22, for community members to learn about the Phoenix Next planning process and to contribute their insights concerning the future of the GSH campus and the Phoenix Project area. The program for each forum will be identical, and community members can attend the forum of their choice. Participants can expect to: 1) learn about the objectives and timing of the Phoenix Next process; 2) reflect on recent changes in the planning area, including the closure of the hospital; and 3) provide ideas on future investments. Details are below:

1 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist Church
828 W. Fairview Ave, Dayton

6 p.m.

Fairview Pre-K-6 School
2314 Elsmere Ave, Dayton

Initiative will build on partnerships and past success

The City of Dayton and Premier Health have partnered with CityWide for 15 years on the Phoenix Project. Together they have invested more than \$20 million and leveraged \$45 million in additional private investment. Projects include the Five Rivers Family Health Center, the Dayton Metro Library Northwest Branch, and the Salem Avenue Gateway expansion, among others.

CityWide, which has provided leadership since the inception of the Phoenix Project, will continue to use its expertise in community and economic development to guide the next wave of planning and investment. Planning NEXT, a nationally known community planning practice based in Columbus, Ohio, will facilitate a public process to create a strategic investment plan for the Phoenix neighborhoods and re-use strategy for the 13 acres comprising the current GSH campus.

Process will include additional opportunities for input

Following the community forums, the process for developing a community vision will include additional public engagement opportunities meant to give the public a significant role in shaping the area's future. This work will include interviews with community stakeholders, regular meetings of an advisory committee representing key interests, and additional public forums and surveys. Planning is expected to conclude in late 2018.

The public engagement and planning process will be overseen by the Phoenix Board of Trustees, which is comprised of representatives of the City of Dayton, Premier Health, CityWide and the community.

A website at daytonphoenixproject.org has been created to keep the community informed about this process and to provide information about how to get involved.

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