

MONROE COUNTY
COMMUNITY JUSTICE REFORM COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes
Monday, November 21, 2022, 4:30pm
Nat U. Hill Meeting Room, 3rd Floor Courthouse

Land Updates

- City plan commission rezone request was given a negative recommendation to the city council
 - Will be taken to the Bloomington Board of Zoning Appeals
 - What will be the impact on downtown Bloomington is the jail is so far from downtown?
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Guiding Principles

1. *Treatment is a priority over incarceration. This will require that we build sufficient community infrastructure (points 0 and 6) and develop sufficient space and programming options within the jail facility.*
 2. *Develop Monroe County's justice system with a unique facility, while meeting constitutional and humanitarian requirements.*
 3. *Address inequities in race, economic status, sexual orientation, and gender.*
 4. *Reduce the number of people entering the criminal justice system and reduce recidivism for those who are/ were in the system.*
- Request to add the words *collaboratively, transparency and public safety.*
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Allison Holland: Indiana Institute on Disability

Gave a presentation on the scope of work.

- Data collection, related to surveys
 - Interviews with individuals who are users of the system
 - Public facing dashboard, first step- mapping data already gathered
 - We may be able to request funding from SAMSHA
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Update on Franklin County Jail Visit

Councilor Iversen, Commander Crowe, David Gardner gave a presentation on visit.

This jail will hold about 2,000 people, much bigger than we intend to build.

Went through each section of the jail: arrival, handoff, booking, intake, general pop, acute mental health and detox, maintenance, LEED Silver Certification, administration.

1. Focus on inmate health
2. County wide employee perks: wellness gym, cafeteria
3. Plentiful Restroom facilities
4. Biophilic design
5. LEED Certification. Built with top environmental concern in mind. (Silver not gold, because bus lines do not go out to the jail).
6. Rapid Resource Center
7. Norix Furniture
8. Accessible CHASE
9. Locker rooms
10. Wide Sally Port
11. Tray pass location
12. Tether location
13. Shackle location
14. Drains outside doors
15. Clocks: hardwired and everywhere
16. Booking process
17. Elevated booking (football)
18. Pretrial, desk space at booking
19. Intake showers and process
20. 72 hour holding (orientation)
21. Trauma- informed practices
22. Property storage
23. Food and supply staging area

Other notable features:

- Natural lighting
- Murals, different scenery
- CORE Team- oversees design and implementation
- Majority of maintenance can be done without entering a cell or block
- Things in detox area are not bolted down

What is the cost that the county will incur for the transfer of inmates?

Update on Care not cages

- Councilor Wiltz and Commissioner Jones gave impressions on meeting
 - There was a conversation with community members on their ideas
 - Follow- up info will be shared once they receive it
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Update on Chambers panel on Justice Reform

- Importance of transparency & collaborative efforts
 - Next meeting should balance out discussion and treatment
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Public Comment

Linda Webb: Jail Liaison for Unchained Ministries

- Does not think that case info should be available to the public
- Voiced concern over a plan for transitional housing due to difficulties finding a place to rent in Bloomington with a felony

Debbie Fish

- Attended Care not cages event, and Chamber panel
- Recommended the book *Defund Fear*, by Zach Norris.
- How can we fix the current jail and why was it not maintained better?

Misty Janes: New Leaf New Life, Courage to Change Sober Living

- Previously incarcerated; no crimes against people
- Judge Fawcett was the first judge to offer her treatment. When she was offered safety and security she got better.
- Encouraged conversation about what we will be doing for people once they are out of jail, because most of the people that are currently in jail will not stay there.

Unknown Speaker

- Be sure families are able to communicate (with reduced cost) when appropriate
- Pushed for rehabilitation over punishment
- Volunteered in a jail- encourages treatment with dignity

Marilyn Grimes: Courage to Change Sober Living

- Previously incarcerated and then started Courage to Change Sober Living
- 30 days treatment is not effective because people don't have anywhere to go after treatment
- Recovery Works funding for felonies: Pays \$8k for housing