By Patricia A. Massey

The City of Pontiac and its Town Towns ended an 18-month legal battle to save the Phoenix Center, the future of the Phoenix Center and downtown Pontiac.

Mayor Deidre Waterman is hosting a town hall meeting Tuesday in the future of the Phoenix Center from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the facility’s amphitheater as the public can hear what guarantees, attorneys, consultants and local leaders have to say for the future of the Phoenix Center.

City Council members have been presented with several options for financing the repairs and improvements to the property. They signed off on the settlement agreement in November 2018. The agreement stipulated that the city is responsible for repairs and upkeep of the Phoenix Center. Some of these repairs must be completed by November 1, 2020, to avoid the city being in jeopardy of default.

Mayor Waterman. “We must avoid the mistake we made in the past with city feature of the Phoenix Center. The settlement agreement is a win for both parties and the best possible outcome after years in court.”

Other features of the Town Hall will include a performance by song stylist Gwen Fox, a local favorite. Another highlight planned for the Town Hall will be the dramatic re-lighting of the Phoenix Center parking lot which crowns the Phoenix Center structure. City planners are hoping this will evoke memories of the glory days when the Phoenix Center was the center of the city’s cultural life.

The Obama Foundation’s My Brother’s Keeper Initiative is committed to enhancing the lives of children, youth and families, through the use of programs that reduce suspensions and help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency and improve communities. The City of Pontiac has signed on to participate in this program, and in recognition of its tireless efforts, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit honored Ms. Rosenbaum with the Mandell L. and Madeleine H. Berman Award for Outstanding Professional Service in 2015.

Since 1941, JVS Human Services has been a leader in helping individuals and families achieve their goals. The agency helps job seekers jumpstart their careers, provides training programs for people with disabilities and helps seniors remain active and engaged in the community.

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JVS Human Services, based in Southfield, Mich., has announced that Leah H. Rosenbaum, its president and chief executive officer, has shared her intention to retire effective Dec. 31, 2020. Ms. Rosenbaum has served more than half of her 40-year career in a leadership role, first as interim executive as CEO for 10 years as Chief Operating Officer. The Executive Committee of the board of directors established a search committee to ensure a smooth transition in leadership.

Ms. Rosenbaum’s long career at JVS Human Services is an excellent reputation for serving our community with local Jewish Family Service, JVS Human Services, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit honored Ms. Rosenbaum with the Mandell L. and Madeleine H. Berman Award for Outstanding Professional Service in 2015.

“I have been blessed with a wonderful career during which I’ve learned the opportunity to work with people that I admire, and the privilege of serving people in our community,” Ms. Rosenbaum. “JVS will always hold a special place in my heart. I am feeling confident that our talented and caring staff and lay leaders will continue to passionately serve our community and that JVS Human Services will move forward and remain one of the best human services organizations.”

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