



**Minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
Virtual out of Bedford City Hall**

In Attendance:

Ken Montlack, NEO-FSC
Mayor Stan Koci, City of Bedford
Kristine Pagsuyoin, Village of Newburgh Heights
Mike Love, City of South Euclid
Mayor Ed Orcutt, City of Brook Park
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights
Callie Cripps, City of Euclid
Anthony Togliatti, Village of Newburgh Heights
Mayor Kahlil Seren, City of Cleveland Heights
Mayor Marie Gallo, City of Parma Heights
Mayor Matthew Burke, City of Garfield Heights
Noreen Kuban, City of Garfield Heights
Raymon Turner, City of Warrensville Heights
Mayor Meghan George, City of Lakewood
Mayor Mike Procuk, Village of Brooklyn Heights
Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, City of Euclid
Ben Brown, City of Warrensville Heights
Shawn Leininger, City of Lakewood
Renee Overstreet, City of Parma Heights
Mayor Bradley Sellers, City of Warrensville Heights
Mayor Katie Gallagher, City of Brooklyn
Marty Divito, City of Bedford Heights
Melran Leach, City of East Cleveland
Paul Marnecheck, City of Brook Park
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC

Mayor Koci opened the meeting at 9:03 AM and thanked the members for coming together virtually.

After some brief introductions by Jennifer Kuzma, Adam Snyder gave a presentation on a newly created organization leading an effort to bring the workforce to manufacturing careers. Following the presentation and questions from the audience, Mr. Snyder informed those present that he would share information on the program with the First Suburbs membership through Jennifer.

The minutes of the December 2021 NEO-FSC meeting were then unanimously approved with a motion made by Mayor Sellers which was seconded by Mayor Gail.

Discussion then turned to the topic of approving a new member to the First Suburbs Consortium, the Village of Newburgh Heights. Jennifer Kuzma shared a letter she received from the mayor's office following a presentation she made at a Newburgh Heights Council meeting. Newburgh Heights staff is very supportive of the application to join First Suburbs having attended FSC meetings prior to COVID. Mayor Koci asked members present for a motion to approve the Village of Newburgh Heights' request to join the First Suburbs. Mayor Gallagher made a motion to approve the request to join which was seconded by Mayor Sellers. All members present unanimously agreed and the Village of Newburgh Heights was named the 20th member of the First Suburbs.

At Mayor Koci's request, Jennifer Kuzma gave an update on the Single-Family Housing Zoning Code Project. Phase One was completed in December and Jennifer and Patrick Hewitt from County Planning Commission were working on media coverage of this work. Phase Two of this project will commence soon with Cuyahoga Land Bank and First Federal of Lakewood providing financial support of this project.

Mayor Koci reported that members of the First Suburbs Executive Committee have welcomed new members Mayor Mike Procuik and Mayor David Weiss to group's monthly meetings. Members of the Executive Committee continue to represent First Suburbs interests on numerous boards and commissions regionally and with state-wide focus.

In the First Suburbs Housing Committee Update, Jennifer reported that the 2021 CDSG award to bring Neighborhood Intel subscriptions to First Suburbs communities will hold its first training on March 10 for the 11 participating communities. Those communities have their user agreements and need to get those signed and back to Natalie Pruett along with their list of usernames soon. Jennifer also reported that continued discussions with Stanford Road Advisors on the topic of CRA opportunities continue to go well and it sounds like there may be interest in pursuing some work on the development of a home repair/maintenance program with Seth Reimer.

Jennifer reported in the First Suburbs Development Council Report that the GIS Working Group will begin their 8 hours of complimentary training with ESRI this month. Four 2 hour sessions have been scheduled in April through May. The FSDC 2021 audit is currently underway. Jennifer is also working to bring in numerous presenters to the April FSDC meeting to give updates including the National Development Council to talk about the Grow Cuyahoga Fund, Goldman Sachs 10K Small Businesses Program at Tri-C, and a report on the Cuyahoga County Equity Zones and how that impacts our First Suburbs communities when competing for County grants and other resources.

In the Staff Report, Jennifer reported that the First Suburbs Consortium 2020-2021 audit was underway and the 2021 Hinkle filing had been completed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM after Mayor Koci reminded members that the next NEO-FSC meeting has been scheduled for May 4 at 9 AM.