



**Minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
John Carroll University in University Heights**

In Attendance:

Mayor Brad Sellers, City of Warrensville Heights
Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan, City of University Heights
Dr. Alan Miciak, JCU President
Howard Katz, CSU, College of Law
Ryan Sutter, CCLRC
Dawn Ford, Cuyahoga County
Kamla Lewis, CCLRC
Patrick Grogan Myers, City of Euclid
Mayor Kirsten Gail, City of Euclid
Mayor Phillip Stevens, City of Bedford Heights
Mayor Stan Koci, City of Bedford
Mayor Tim DeGeeter, City of Parma
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC
Mayor Matthew Burke, City of Garfield Heights
Nicole Harris, City of Warrensville Heights
Raymon Turner, City of Warrensville Heights
Ashley Holloway, City of Maple Heights
Ricardo León, CCLRC
Treasurer Brad Cromes, Cuyahoga County
Dr. Victoria Berry, Cuyahoga County
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights
Councilman Tony Cuda, City of Cleveland Heights
Mayor Kahlil Seren, City of Cleveland Heights
Markell Davis, City of University Heights
Geoff Englebrecht, City of Maple Heights
Charmane Martin, City of Bedford Heights
Tom Ott, Cott Media
Chris Alvarado, Cuyahoga County
Deanna Bremer Fisher, City of University Heights

NEO-FSC Chair Mayor DeGeeter opened the meeting at 9:07 AM, welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked Mayor Brennan and Dr. Miciak for having us to JCU. Mayor Brennan thanked members for coming to University Heights and introduced John Carroll President Dr. Alan Miciak to talk about their wonderful partnership.

The meeting was then turned over to CCLRC's Ricard León who took guests through the 15 Year Impact Analysis bringing up Ryan Sutter who talked about how the data was

pulled together. CCLRC CEO León wrapped up the presentation with some insight on the Land Bank's upcoming work and areas of focus.

Mayor DeGeeter then moved the meeting to the first order of business – approval of the November 2024 NEO-FSC meeting minutes. Mayor DeGeeter asked those present if any corrections or edits were needed for the minutes as presented. Hearing no edits needed, the minutes of the November 2024 NEO-FSC meeting were then unanimously approved by members present.

Mayor DeGeeter provided a report on the Executive Committee's work including the recent meeting he and Jennifer attended with Jim Rokakis to discuss Jim's work to bring more modular housing to Cuyahoga County and potentially First Suburbs communities. Mayor DeGeeter also mentioned that housing is a topic the executive committee will continue to address.

Mayor DeGeeter then asked Jennifer to give the First Suburbs Housing Committee Report. Jennifer reported that the upcoming day with Citizenserve is scheduled for Monday, April 7 at the Shaker Heights Library. Jennifer will poll current users to build the morning session agenda and communities that are considering a move to Citizenserve will attend in the afternoon to do a deep dive on the system. Jennifer also reported on the discussions with CHN to pull together a mortgage lending partnership for this year's home buying season. Additional meetings have been scheduled through the Housing Committee to get into specifics on the proposed program and will come back to the full membership for additional feedback.

Mayor DeGeeter asked Jennifer to give the report on the First Suburbs Development Council. Jennifer reported that the group is working to update the County Executive Candidates recommendations to hold a future meeting with the County about economic development needs in our communities. Jennifer reminded members of the February 14th 2:00 PM webinar on the County's Economic Development Plan review. And to wrap up, Jennifer reminded members to share details of the upcoming Tuesday, April 8 Noon webinar with their small businesses who may be interested in learning more about C-PACE financing. Jennifer has pulled together Bricker Graydon and NOPEC to join her for this 45-minute virtual session. Future sessions this year will include other financial partners who are also lending C-PACE funds.

The meeting was then opened for other business or announcements of upcoming events, meetings, or items of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM and Mayor DeGeeter reminded those present of the next quarterly meeting of the NEO-FSC on Wednesday, May 14 at 9 AM which is already on members' calendars. Anyone interested in hosting should contact Jennifer.