



**Minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
South Euclid Community Center**

In Attendance:

Mike Love, City of South Euclid
Mayor Matthew Burke, City of Garfield Heights
Patrick Hewitt, County Planning Commission
Coral Troxell, City of South Euclid
Keith Benjamin, City of South Euclid
Paul Marnecheck, City of Brook Park
Chalana Williams, First Federal of Lakewood
Daryl Hopson, City of Bedford Heights
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights
Ken Montlack, NEO-FSC
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC
Mayor Kahlil Seren, City of Cleveland Heights
Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, NEORS
Joe Duffy, City of Maple Heights
Ricardo Leon, Cuyahoga Land Bank
Jeremy Rowan, City of Brooklyn
Callie Cripps, City of Euclid
Mayor David E. Weiss, City of Shaker Heights
Mayor Georgine Welo, City of South Euclid
Ken Surratt, United Way
Mayor Tim DeGeeter, City of Parma
Mayor Gigi Traore, Village of Newburgh Heights
Mayor Stan Koci, City of Bedford

Mayor Koci opened the meeting at 9:15 AM and thanked Mayor Welo for hosting the meeting at the newly renovated South Euclid Community Center.

Following a welcome by Mayor Welo, the meeting moved into attendee introductions. Mayor Koci then thanked Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells and Constance Haqq for joining First Suburbs and giving an update on the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. The presentation included highlights of District work including a report on recent projects completed, funding made available for future projects and resources to help residents. Jennifer will share the presentation with members for specific details.

Mayor Koci then moved the meeting to the first order of business – approval of the May 2022 NEO-FSC meeting minutes. Mayor Koci asked those present if any corrections or edits were needed to the minutes as they were presented. Hearing no edits needed, the

minutes of the May 2022 NEO-FSC meeting were then unanimously approved with a motion made by Paul Marnecheck which was seconded by Mayor Weiss.

County Planning Commission's Patrick Hewitt then gave an update on the Single-Family Housing Zoning Code Project including presentation of the draft infill education book and results of the developer survey. Patrick also reported that he and the team working on this project will begin meetings with Euclid and South Euclid who are the recipients of the single-family housing zoning code rewrite. Tremendous press coverage has been received on this project including a recent story in Crain's, Freshwater Cleveland and an upcoming interview with reported Homa Bash from Channel 5 WEWS. Jennifer will share Patrick's presentation with members following the meeting.

In the Housing Committee Report, Jennifer reminded members that CRA Phase One Discovery findings from Stanford Road Advisors will be presented at a virtual meeting on Thursday, August 11 at 9 AM. Invitations to this meeting have already been sent to the full First Suburbs membership. Jennifer also reported that the communities participating in Citizenserve recently held a quarterly meeting to discuss potential enhancements to the system. Follow-up from that meeting will include a group meeting with Citizenserve representatives. Members of the Housing Committee have also participated in the preparation for the October County Executive Candidates Forum through the development of policy recommendations on areas of housing, economic development, regionalism, and leadership. Survey and virtual meetings with Cleveland CDC members have been the primary sources for the recommendations.

In the report on the work of the First Suburbs Development Council, Jennifer reported that the economic development and planning directors have also participated in the preparation with Cleveland CDC members to develop recommendations on shared economic development and planning needs. Meetings have been held with the cities of Rocky River and Brecksville to join the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District with large upcoming commercial PACE projects in the planning stages in their communities.

A robust conversation about shared staffing needs was held by members present. Jennifer will follow up by scheduling an initial meeting to hold some conversation on this with the mayors and managers of our member communities.

Jennifer reminded members that the next quarterly meeting of the NEO-FSC has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 2 at 9 AM. Anyone interested in hosting should contact Jennifer. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.