



**Minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
Virtual out of Bedford City Hall**

In Attendance:

Geoff Englebrecht, City of University Heights
Rachel Novak, County Planning Commission
Laura Mendez, County Planning Commission
Patrick Hewitt, County Planning Commission
Mary Cierebiej, County Planning Commission
Mary Kay Costello, City of Fairview Park
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC
Patrick Grogan-Myers, City of Maple Heights
Jim Lobenthal, City of Parma
Sally Martin, City of South Euclid
Mayor Matt Burke, City of Garfield Heights
Joyce Braverman, City of Shaker Heights
Daniel Subwick, City of South Euclid
Eric Zamft, City of Cleveland Heights
Mike Love, City of South Euclid
Joe Duffy, City of Euclid
Ken Montlack, NEO-FSC
Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, City of Euclid
Callie Cripps, City of Euclid
Mayor Bradley Sellers, City of Warrensville Heights
Jeremy Rowan, City of Brooklyn
Dan Feinstein, City of Shaker Heights
Laura Englehart, City of Shaker Heights
Ben Brown, City of Warrensville Heights
Mayor Meghan George, City of Lakewood
Janice Tubbs, City of Garfield Heights
Mayor Katie Gallagher, City of Brooklyn
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights
Mayor Fletcher Berger, City of Bedford Heights
Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan, City of University Heights
Melran Leach, City of East Cleveland
Kyle Krewson, City of Shaker Heights

Mayor Sellers opened the meeting at 9:06 AM and thanked the members for coming together virtually.

The minutes of the March 2021 NEO-FSC meeting were then unanimously approved with

a motion made by Mayor Gail which was seconded by Mayor Blackwell.

NEO-FSC Chair Mayor Sellers then called on Jennifer Kuzma to give a report on the First Suburbs 25th anniversary. Jennifer reported that she will be using the newly launched quarterly newsletter to celebrate the organization's past successes through news clippings and video interviews with past and current members which will be archived on the First Suburbs website. An in-person social event will be planned for later in 2021 if COVID restrictions allow.

Mayor Sellers reported that members of the First Suburbs Executive Committee continue to represent First Suburbs interests on numerous boards and commissions regionally and with state-wide focus. Jennifer also used this opportunity to report that she is working to redirect and advance the GIS Working Group's efforts to get the 11 participating communities online with their own GIS subscriptions by the end of summer 2021.

In the Housing Committee Report, Jennifer reported that Jason Powers City of Cleveland's Director of Middle Neighborhoods Initiative will be joining the next meeting of the Housing Committee later in June. Jennifer reported that initial discussions with Jason have been very constructive and provides a wonderful opportunity for First Suburbs to be an advocacy partner to this work. The Single-Family Housing Zoning Code Update continues to be a primary focus for this group and a working group of First Suburbs representatives (Mayor Sellers, Jennifer, Sally Martin, Patrick Grogan-Myers and the Land Bank's Jennifer Vazquez-Norman) meet every other week with Patrick Hewitt and his team to keep the effort moving forward and provide support as needed to CPC.

Jennifer reported that the First Suburbs Development Council members have begun work to survey First Suburbs businesses so we can advocate for funds in the right areas of need for our businesses. The State Auditor's Office has reached out to begin the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District's 2019-2020 audit. Jennifer reported that she has been meeting with the Village of Moreland Hills to potentially bring the Village into the NEO-AED with a small project owned by one of Cleveland's most predominate real estate families.

Mayor Sellers congratulated Mayor Blackwell and the CCLRC for the incredible new modular housing infill project in Maple Heights.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM to welcome Cuyahoga County Planning Commission's presentation to First Suburbs' membership on the Single-Family Housing Zoning Code Update project.