



**Minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
Ellenwood Rec Center, Bedford**

In Attendance:

Mayor Tim DeGeeter, City of Parma
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights
Patrick Grogan-Myers, City of Maple Heights
Howard Katz, CSU
Hilary Schickler, Village of Newburgh Heights
Kristine Pagsuyoin, Village of Newburgh Heights
Anthony Togliatti, Village of Newburgh Heights
Mary Kay Costello, City of Fairview Park
Mayor Patrick Cooney, City of Fairview Park
Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan, City of University Heights
Geoffrey Englebrecht, City of University Heights
Mayor Katie Gallagher, City of Brooklyn
Mayor David Weiss, City of Shaker Heights
Janice Tubbs, City of Garfield Heights
Michael Mallis, City of Bedford
Mayor Stan Koci, City of Bedford
Mayor Bradley Sellers, City of Warrensville Heights
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC
Mayor Kirsten H. Gail, City of Euclid
Scott Muscatello, City of Euclid
Sally Martin, City of South Euclid
Councilwoman Wendy Grant, City of Bedford Heights
Mayor-elect Kahlil Seren, City of Cleveland Heights
Laura Mendez Ortiz, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
Patrick Hewitt, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

Mayor Sellers opened the meeting at 9:15 AM and thanked Mayor Koci, City Manager Mallis and the City of Bedford for hosting the meeting at the Ellenwood Rec Center. Introductions were then made by everyone in attendance.

Mayor Sellers then turned the floor to Patrick Hewitt who gave a final update on the Phase One of the First Suburbs Single-Family Housing Zoning Code Update Project. This presentation was recorded and a link was shared with members who were not able to attend in person.

Following this presentation, Mayor Sellers thanked two very good friends of First Suburbs – Bedford Heights Councilwoman Wendy Grant and Parma Heights Mayor Mike Bryne for

their years of participation in First Suburbs. Both were regulars at our meetings and they certainly helped to shape the successes First Suburbs has seen.

The minutes of the September 2021 NEO-FSC meeting were then unanimously approved with a motion made by Mayor Blackwell which was seconded by Mayor DeGeeter.

Jennifer Kuzma gave the report of the 2022 Nominating Committee. All First Suburbs mayors and city managers were given the opportunity to self-nominate to serve on the First Suburbs Executive Committee. First Suburbs By-Laws state that the Executive Committee is made up of a chair, vice chair, five committee members and a treasurer/fiscal agent. Nominations included:

Chair:	Mayor Stan Koci
Vice Chair:	Mayor Katie Gallagher
Member:	Mayor Annette Blackwell
	Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail
	Mayor Tim DeGeeter
	Mayor Mike Procuik
	Mayor David Weiss
Fiscal Agent:	Frank Gambosi, City of Bedford Finance Director

Mayor Sellers asked those present if there were any additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were made and Mayor Sellers asked for a motion to accept the slate as presented. Mayor Brennan made the motion which was seconded by Mayor Cooney approving the slate as presented and electing each nominee into office for 2022. No opposed votes were cast by those present and Mayor Sellers congratulated the new First Suburbs leadership team.

Mayor Sellers then called on Jennifer Kuzma to review the 2022 proposed operating budget. Members received a report of the year end financials from 2017-2021 anticipated closing. Specifics on the 2022 proposed budget were presented and approved by the Executive Committee before coming to full membership for consideration and approval. After some discussion, Mayor Sellers asked for a motion to approve the 2022 proposed budget as presented to members present. Mayor Koci made the motion and Mayor Gail seconded the motion approving the 2022 budget. No opposed votes were cast and the budget passed unanimously.

Mayor Sellers and Jennifer Kuzma thanked everyone for their participation in the First Suburbs 25th Anniversary held in September at the newly open Warrensville Heights Municipal Complex. It was a great opportunity to see a truly collaborative First Suburbs project and to celebrate First Suburbs milestone.

Jennifer reported that the Housing Committee has been very busy giving the Single-Family Housing Zoning Code work priority in 2021. The Neighborhood Intel tool has been fully integrated with Citizenserve and Jennifer has begun a path to make Neighborhood Intel available to First Suburbs communities who would like to take advantage of the remaining \$25,000 from the First Suburbs 2021 CDSG award.

Jennifer reported that the First Suburbs Development Council will hold its annual election on December 8th. Bricker & Eckler held a recent economic development update presentation with members sharing details on new uses of special assessments and

special improvement districts in recent Ohio projects. Jennifer reported that the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District approved new member Village of Moreland Hills to the District. Jennifer closed out this presentation with an update on the GIS Working Group stating that agreements are being signed with ESI and she is beginning to make reimbursements to those communities using the funds from the Cleveland Foundation grant award.

In Other Business Mayor Sellers thanked the Consortium members for the opportunity to serve the group and those present thanked Mayor Sellers for his service to the FSC for three years.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM and the next quarterly meeting of the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium will be held on March 2, 2022.