



**Minutes of the September 1, 2021 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
Virtual out of Bedford City Hall**

In Attendance:

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
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
Mike Love, City of South Euclid
Callie Cripps, City of Euclid
Ken Montlack, NEO-FSC
Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, City of Euclid
Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan, City of University Heights
Mayor Bradley Sellers, City of Warrensville Heights
Councilwoman Wendy Grant, City of Bedford Heights
Marty Divito, City of Bedford Heights
Nicole Blunk, City of Brooklyn
Mayor Patrick Cooney, City of Fairview Park
Mayor Stan Koci, City of Bedford
Melissa Morrow, City of Parma
Pat Salemi, City of Garfield Heights
Ben Brown, City of Warrensville Heights
Mayor Michael Byrne, City of Parma Heights
Janice Tubbs, City of Garfield Heights
Kyle Krewson, City of Shaker Heights
Dan Meaney, County Planning Commission

Mayor Koci opened the meeting at 9:49 AM on behalf of Chair Mayor Sellers and thanked the members for coming together virtually.

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

NEO-FSC Chair Mayor Sellers thanked Mayor Koci for opening the meeting and called on

Jennifer Kuzma to give a report on the First Suburbs 25th anniversary. Jennifer reported that there is still time to purchase tickets for the upcoming September 23rd event hosted by Mayor Sellers at the new Warrensville Heights City Hall located on Richmond Road. Jennifer thanked event sponsors Bricker & Eckler, CHN Housing Partners and Cushman Wakefield.

Mayor Sellers reported that members of the First Suburbs Executive Committee continue to represent First Suburbs interests on numerous boards and commissions regionally. Most recently the use of ARPA funds has been a primary area of focus. Mayor Sellers also reminded members present of the upcoming NOACA annual meeting and the September 9th triennial appraisal meeting.

In the Housing Committee Report, Jennifer reported that group continues to make the Single-Family Housing Zoning Code Updates its primary focus. Jennifer reported that the Housing Committee worked to develop First Suburbs ARPA recommendations to Cuyahoga County focused on neighborhood stabilization needs – continued rental assistance, repair funds and tax assistance. Jason Powers City of Cleveland's Director of Middle Neighborhoods Initiative recently joined the Housing Committee and offered to connect individually with each member city to review their Middle Neighborhood data.

Jennifer reported that the First Suburbs Development Council members have created their own ARPA fund recommendations to Cuyahoga County using the results of the small business survey by First Suburbs. Jennifer provided FSDC members with a survey summary and a copy of the recommendation document to share with First Suburb's businesses as follow up to the survey. Cuyahoga County Department of Development Paul Herdeg recently joined members of FSDC for an informal lunch meeting. Bricker & Eckler will return in October with a second economic development finance course for FSDC members.

In her Staff Report, Jennifer remarked that she will reach out directly to members with outstanding 2021 membership dues.

There was no discussion in Other Business and Announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM and the next quarterly meeting of the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium will be held on December 1, 2021.