



**Minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
At Brooklyn Senior Center**

In Attendance:

Jerome Duval, City of Warrensville Heights
Ken Montlack, NEO-FSC
Jeane' Holley, Cuyahoga County
Michele Pomerantz, Cuyahoga County
Michael Towarnicky, Cuyahoga County
Martine M. Divito, City of Bedford Heights
David Bell, City of Bedford Heights
Kamla Lewis, City of Shaker Heights
Kahlil Seren, Cuyahoga County
Mayor Katie Gallagher, City of Brooklyn
Councilwoman Nancy Moore, City of Shaker Heights
Howard Thompson, GCP
Mayor Michael Byrne, City of Parma Heights
Katharyne Starinsky, City of Shaker Heights
Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan, City of University Heights
Joseph Happi, City of University Heights Intern
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights
Mayor David E. Weiss, City of Shaker Heights
Shawn Leininger, City of Fairview Park
Mayor Brad Sellers, City of Warrensville Heights
Carletta Fellows, City of Warrensville Heights
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC
Paul Herdeg, Cuyahoga County

Mayor Sellers opened the meeting at 9:16 AM and thanked Mayor Gallagher for hosting the meeting at Brooklyn Senior Center.

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Stephen Bitto presented to the First Suburbs members focusing on statistics of riders and their use of RTA services, and the RTA fleet and the needs of the fleet going forward. Stephen also touched on RTA's "Ready to Ride" Program, an interactive demonstration made available at public events to teach people how easy it is to ride and bus and use bus bike racks. Mr. Bitto also took questions from the membership and members of the RTA Board who were present remarked on the incredible work by Interim CEO Dr. Floun'say Carver.

Cuyahoga County Regional Collaboration Director Michele Pomerantz gave the County Update including an update on Census 2020 preparation, upcoming December 2020

deadlines to participate in the solar co-op, upcoming educational opportunities for residential solar, and the STIR (Start Up in Residence) deadline of June 30, 2019,

The minutes of the February 2019 NEO-FSC meeting were then unanimously approved with a motion made by Mayor Blackwell which was seconded by Shawn Leininger.

Mayor Sellers gave the Executive Committee Report highlighting the Executive Committee's meeting with Ken Surratt and Gus Frangos in February to discuss the 2020 launch of the County Housing Plan rehab funds. Good discussion was held and it will continue as the program begins to take shape. In March the Executive Committee met Renovate America to learn about the residential PACE program coming to Ohio in 2020. Discussions on DOPWIC funding and updates from the various boards the executive committee members serve on are also a part of the regular committee discussions.

Jennifer reported that the County GIS Pilot Program was moving forward. The group includes 13 First Suburbs communities who will work with County GIS to develop a GIS start program for themselves. One community's system will be fully developed and then the group will give feedback to Tom Fisher and his team. Those comments will go into the production of the final system for each of the 13 communities. It is anticipated that the initial system will be ready for review in June. Jennifer also reported that First Suburbs met funds available to members to attend the GIS Symposium.

An update on the Regionalized Code Enforcement Software Pilot included the announcement that the system is currently being used in Lakewood and South Euclid was next on the agenda. Both of those participating communities have purchased and are using the field tech device of their choice thanks to the Cleveland Foundation grant for our six participating communities. Parma continues to work through their implementation and University Heights and Cleveland Heights are nearing the halfway point of their implementation. Shaker Heights anticipates starting their implementation in late-summer. Shaker Heights took advantage of this opportunity to streamline processes through Six Sigma trainings held in the winter and late spring. Although not formally through the Six Sigma process, the other participating communities are removing redundancies from their processes as well.

Jennifer reported that MAN Holdings just closed their second PACE project with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District on another office space in the City of Cleveland. Jennifer reported that over \$21M in PACE projects are currently being discussed and it is anticipated that the Advanced Energy District's membership will continue to grow with some of those projects. Presentations with potentially interested property owners can be coordinated with Jennifer. In preparation for the launch of the residential PACE program, an informational meeting will be held on June 5th at Bedford City Hall with Bricker & Eckler and Renovate America.

First Suburbs Housing Committee recently had County Recorder Brian O'Malley out to one of the group's monthly meetings who gave the group some useful updates and the co-chairs of VAPAC's Investor Working Group also presented at a recent Housing Committee meeting. Jennifer is working to schedule meetings with Parma Public Housing Agency and Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority to check in on our memorandums of understanding with those agencies.

Jennifer reported that the FSDC elected new leadership continues to focus on sharing good information on successful place-making strategies and how those can be implemented locally. A recent FSDC board included a visit to Berea's Coe Lake enhancements which have made this an incredible community space with walking trails, playgrounds, and various summer festivals. NOACA presented on their Street Supplies Kits recently and the Census Data Dissemination Office recently joined FSDC members to talk about how to better use their resources when doing research.

In her Staff Report, Jennifer reported that the 2018 First Suburbs Henkle filing had been completed and that 2019 membership dues from 5 communities were still outstanding.

Under Other Announcements, Chair Mayor Sellers reported that the DOPWIC Board will be meeting today and Paul Herdeg reminded those present of the May 29 County Information Meeting and the July 25th Department of Development Update Meeting at ECDI offices.

The next meeting of the NEO-FSC is tentatively scheduled for August 1st. Watch emails for date changes as the summer meeting may be postponed. More details to come as we get closer to this date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.