



**Minutes of the April 25, 2007 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
at Cleveland Marriott East in Warrensville Heights**

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

In Attendance:

Dennis Wilcox, Councilman, City of Cleveland Heights
Paul Herdeg, Cuyahoga County Department of Development
Marty Motsco, Superintendent, Bedford Schools
Clinton Hall, Councilman, City of Warrensville Heights
Steve Bullock, Councilman, City of University Heights
Frank Pietravoia, City of Euclid
Mayor Bill Cervenik, City of Euclid
Norman Bliss, Board Member, Shaker Heights Schools
Mayor Thomas Longo, City of Garfield Heights
Melvin Jones, Board Member, Warrensville Heights Schools
Rick Kansa, Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office
Jim Sonnhalter, City of Euclid
Pauline Goode, Councilwoman, City of Warrensville Heights
Delores Alexander, City of Warrensville Heights
Mayor Thomas George, City of Lakewood
Bill Zelei, Superintendent, South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools
Nancy Dietrich, Councilwoman, City of Cleveland Heights
Mayor Dan Pocek, City of Bedford
Marquez Brown, State of Ohio Attorney General's Office
Lynn Ruffner, Councilwoman, City of Shaker Heights
Mayor Georgine Welo, City of South Euclid
Carter Welo, City of South Euclid
Jeanne Jares, City of Cleveland Heights
Win Weizer, Councilwoman, City of University Heights
Eric Brunton, Board Member, South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools
Mayor Marcia L. Fudge, City of Warrensville Heights
Phyllis Evans, Councilwoman, City of Cleveland Heights
Mayor Debora Mallin, City of Bedford Heights
Mayor Beryl Rothschild, City of University Heights
Adele Zucker, Councilwoman, City of University Heights

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In Attendance: (con't)

Ken McGovern, ULI
Freda Levenson, Board Member, Shaker Heights Schools
Nathaniel Martin, Councilman, City of East Cleveland
Susan Infeld, Councilwoman, City of University Heights
Sharon McGraw, League of Women Voters
David Beach, EcoCity Cleveland
Ariane Kirkpatrick, City of Warrensville Heights
Dorise Thompson, Councilwoman, City of Warrensville Heights
Robert C. Downey, City of Cleveland Heights
Mayor Ed Kelley, City of Cleveland Heights
Kathleen Ruane, City of Cleveland Heights
Susanna Niermann O'Neil, City of Cleveland Heights
Jennifer Kuzma, FSC
Ken Montlack, FSC
Luke Frazier, FSDC
Tom Bier, CSU
Mayor Eileen Patton, City of Fairview Park
Jim Kennedy, City of Fairview Park
Tom Lenahan, City of Fairview Park
Mayor Michael Ciaravino, City of Maple Heights
Paul Oyaski, Cuyahoga County Department of Development
Keith Benjamin, City of South Euclid
Andrew Mizsak, Board Member, Bedford Schools
Mayor Judy Rawson, City of Shaker Heights
Jessica Vezina, Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office
Judge Joseph Russo, Juvenile Court
Anthony Bumbalis, City of East Cleveland
Maureen Sweeney, Councilwoman, City of Fairview Park
Mark Freeman, Superintendent, Shaker Heights Schools
Carmen Atchinson, Board Member, South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools
Ruby Nelson, Councilwoman, City of Warrensville Heights
Brad Sellers, City of Warrensville Heights
Jim Rokakis, Cuyahoga County Treasurer
Sean Brennan, Councilman, City of Parma
Brian Gleisser, Councilman, City of Shaker Heights

Welcome:

Ken Montlack, Chairman of the NEOFSC, opened the meeting at 7:19 PM at the Cleveland Marriott East in Warrensville Heights.

Approval of Minutes:

Ken Montlack requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2006 FSC meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Mayor Kelley, seconded by Mayor Welo, and adopted.

Ohio FSC Policy Statements and NEO-FSC Resolution (Approval, Adoption & Authorization Requested):

Policy papers “Addressing The Crisis of Foreclosed, Vacant, and Abandoned Properties”, “Fix It First Policies for Ohio’s Aging Infrastructure”, “Regional Development Without Job Poaching” and a resolution adopting those statements were presented to member municipalities for their approval. Chair Montlack reminded those present of the work behind these papers, beginning at the November 15, 2006 Ohio FSC Conference. A writing team was formed at the event to draft these pieces which will then be adopted by all of the Ohio FSC’s. Once approved these papers will be forward to all State level elected officials. A motion for authorization was made by Mayor Rawson, seconded by Mayor Cervenik and adopted with no opposed votes from the member municipalities who were present at the meeting. (The City of Brook Park later submitted in writing their vote against the passing of the resolution as there was no representative from Brook Park present at the meeting.)

Reimbursement of \$500 Expense to MORPC (Authorization Requested):

Chair Ken Montlack informed those present that the November 15, 2006 conference which was held in Columbus cost the Ohio First Suburbs Consortium \$1,500. Since local planning was done and paid for by MORPC staff, the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium was responsible for one third of the event cost which would be reimbursed to MORPC. A motion for authorization was made by Mayor Kelley, seconded by Mayor Patton and adopted with no opposed votes. Ken thanked the members for the authorization.

Nominating Committee Report:

Ken introduced Councilwoman Nancy Dietrich to give the report of the Nominating Committee. Nancy began her report by stating she was excited to be electing a new chair for the organization and was the first of many to thank Ken Montlack for his years of service to the FSC. Nancy presented the following slate for the members vote:

Chair:	Mayor Georgine Welo
Vice-Chair:	Ken Montlack
Treasurer:	Finance Director Tom Malone
Executive Committee:	(Chair and Vice Chair to serve, per FSC By Laws): Mayors Marcia Fudge, Tom Longo and Dan Pocek
Governing Board:	Mayors Bill Cervenik, Tom George, Tom Longo, Judy Rawson and Beryl Rothschild or their designees Mayor Marcia Fudge, Mayor Thomas Longo and Mayor Dan Pocek

A motion was made by Mayor Pocek to elect each and all of the nominees as presented, and seconded by Mayor Patton. All members presented accepted the slate as presented with no opposed votes. Ken Montlack thanked Councilwoman Dietrich for her report and welcomed Mayor Georgine Welo as the new Chair of the NEO-FSC.

After a brief acceptance speech from Chair Welo, the regular business portion of the meeting ended at 7:41 PM and the newly elected Chair moved the members present into the Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium Annual Meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.