

FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM OF DAYTON OHIO

NEXT EVENT: October 23, 2019

September 25, 2019

Hosted by the City of Kettering

In attendance were:

Willis Serr (Centerville)	Norbert Klopsch (Oakwood)
J. Tim Gorman (Clayton)	Arlene Setzer (Vandalia)
Greg Merkle (Clayton)	Roland Winburn (Harrison Township)
Rick Barnhart (West Carrollton)	Georgeann Godsey (Harrison Township)
Ora Allen (Moraine)	Richard Shaw (Huber Heights)
William Flaute (Riverside)	Jay Weiskircher (Mayors/Managers)
Brenda Fry (Riverside)	Ron Vaughn (Trotwood)
Richard Herbst (Vandalia)	Yvette Page (Trotwood)
Judy Cook (Chair, Emeritus)	Jack Jensen (Executive Director)
Mark Schwieterman (Kettering)	Erik Collins, Montgomery Cty. Director of Community and Economic Development
Bruce Duke, Kettering City Council	Dan Bish, Montgomery County Community & Economic Development Specialist
Tony Klepacz, Kettering City Council	
Jacque Fisher, Kettering City Council	
Joe Wanamaker, Kettering City Council	
Bill Lautar, Kettering Vice Mayor	

Greg Merkle opened the meeting

Kettering reported that Amazon was locating a distributing facility in the City with over 400 employees. Miami Valley Research Park has a tissue center that is planning to double their footprint. Our Wilmington Pike plant is up and running for about five years. We authorized the sale of another tract of land. An old building will be housing an insurance building. We are subsidizing the program to revitalize Wilmington Pike. We have four new fire stations. We will be renovating our existing police station in 2021. We have three police resource officers working within our schools. We have two floaters that work in the elementary schools. The schools pay 70% of this cost except during the summer months. Remember, Kettering is home.

Greg asked for approval of the May, 2019 minutes and approval of the June, 2019 minutes.

Bruce Duke moved and Richard Shaw seconded the motion to approve. Approved.

Financial report: Our ending balance is now \$27,480.87. J. Tim Gorman moved to accept, Bill Flaute seconded. – Accepted.

Jack asked for approval of the expenditure for the summer National League of Cities sponsorship at \$406.00  
Tim Gorman moved and Richard Shaw seconded. Approved.

Erik Collins presented a power point on the ability of the County to assist communities in Economic Development with his colleague Dan Bish. This is about our communities collaborating to promote the County. We have to be better than the rest. There are four categories that we will discuss. Community Development – federal dollars; We will receive \$2.5 million federal dollars for Community Block Grants. Historic Preservation, ADA work, façade improvements, (Kettering and Dayton get their own direct allocation from the Federal government.)

There is a new Micro Enterprise program for small businesses. It started in 2016 for companies and requires matching funds. They are small businesses that are a part of your community. A maximum of \$5,000.

We cover Building Regulations for all Townships and some Municipalities. They can make or break a deal. We have to flatten the process of building regulations. We worked with contractors and customers to determine what we could do to make this process easier. Our process required 140 permits which we have compressed down. We have a Success Check List as to what you need to bring with you. We are going to electronic plan review. We work with the local Fire and Zoning departments. We want to reach out to other communities to create a mutual aide, allowing us to work together to make the process efficient. Utilizing each other's staff when possible. We make recommendations to the Townships on zoning as well as recommendations on subdivisions. We are going to listen to the customers to meet their needs. Economic Development is whatever the customer says it is.

Carol Johnson in Georgia retired and started consulting (Speed/Risk/Cost). Formerly reviewing sites and preparing financial analysis for Kraft. She explained the need for reducing risk for businesses, lowering costs by creating speed to market. We have a stand-alone web site designed for Site Selectors. We can do case studies on companies within your communities and then prepare a video to put on the web site.

University of Oklahoma, Economic Development Institute. They offer information on how to stand out. Select MC OHIO built our web site. Submit your business stories – we will provide the staff to prepare the article. They suggested virtual reality videos to be utilized for presentations.

Carolyn Rice suggested that we prepare a Dayton Global report compiling all international information in one place. (We have Israel, Canada, China and Germany.) This will be published soon.

Dan runs the EDGE program – this is going to be \$2.5 million dollars to be reviewed January 1 for ten years.

Rural communities are going to continue to struggle. A good book - When the Boomers Bail. About 10,000 baby boomers are going to retire. Mark Lautman speaks on how the game is changing and what you can do.

Business First is the relocation program for the area. We have reached out to Trotwood, Brookville, Harrison Township, Clayton. We work with you and will do our best to assist.

Richard Shaw announced that he would be doing a presentation for National League of Cities and is up for nomination to sit on the Board of Directors of NLC.

Bruce Duke reported on NLC. Bruce thanked Harrison Township and Kettering for their help with the visitors. This summer they worked on transportation issues and getting funding back to our States. He suggested that the electric scooters in Dayton are set to stop at certain borders. They are contracting with individuals to pick up the scooters. The fear is the danger of where they are dropped late at night.

Jack – thanked The City of Kettering for hosting this evening. Bruce promised that next summer we will have ribs at the Frazee. Montgomery County was also thanked for their presentation and help. Richard was thanked for all the work done to host the National League of Cities. Richard added that the NLC Vice President called to ask him for information to be used in San Antonio.

The next meeting will be October 23 in Trotwood. The next Executive Committee meeting is October 2 at 4:30, a conference call.

Jack is recuperating well from his hip surgery.

Tim Gorman made a motion, Bill Flaute seconded to adjourn. – Meeting adjourned.

Approved: 10/23/2019