

FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM OF DAYTON OHIO

NEXT EVENT: December, 2019

October 23, 2019

Hosted by the City of Trotwood

In attendance were:

Willis Serr (Centerville)	Kevin Monroe (Harrison Township)
Greg Merkle (Clayton)	Jack Kuntz (City of Clayton)
Steve Byington (Oakwood)	Yvette Page (City of Trotwood)
Kenny Henning (Clayton)	Richard Barnhart (West Carrollton)
Richard Shaw (Huber Heights)	Tom Robillard, Kettering Director of Planning & Dev.
Ron Vaughn (Trotwood)	Jim Brinegar, P.E. Centerville Engineer
Arlene Setzer (Vandalia)	Ciara Lewis, Trotwood Parks & Recreation
Richard Herbst (Vandalia)	Cheryl Wheeler, Trotwood Asst. to the Manager
Judy Cook (Chair, Emeritus)	Chris Peeples, Trotwood Finance Director
Roland Winburn (Harrison Twp.)	Chad Downing, Trotwood Community Dev. Corp.
Jack Jensen (Executive Director)	Bettye Gales, Trotwood Vice Mayor
Georgeann Godsey (Harrison Twp.)	Rhonda Finley, Trotwood Councilmember
	Tyna Brown, Trotwood Councilmember

Greg Merkle chaired the meeting.

We were asked to observe a moment of silence in memory of John Beals, City of Centerville.

Yvette Page welcomed all to the City of Trotwood.

We do not have a quorum, so will not ask for approval and acceptance of minutes and the Treasurers report.

The nominating committee was approved. Anyone interested in running for office contact one of the committee members. Bill Flaute, Mark Schwieterman or Ron Vaughn.

Jack asked each community to present a brief update on their community with regard to the Tornado.

Chris Peeples – City of Trotwood stated that they were winding down and were trying to assess where the citizens were. They have 99% of the debris cleaned up. They are meeting with FEMA to look at their damage inventory to determine what they can be reimbursed for. We hope to recover 75%.

We have residents who have cleared their properties and started to rebuild. The deputy city manager is taking inventory to determine whether residents have been abandoned. We are assisting residents and

making recommendations to allow residential tax abatements of four years for those who are rebuilding. Our goal is to retain our residents.

Kevin Monroe, Harrison Township. We have one inspector, himself. We are looking at approximately 100 houses. We are trying to contact each owner and asking what they are doing. About half of the building owners, residentially, have walked away. Over 2,000 homes were hit, 300 businesses were hit and 26 businesses will be demolished. We lost six businesses. We have worked to move businesses to another location. We have had three vacant home fires in unsecured houses. I am receiving about six plans a day to review. The challenge is to agree on what is a repair and what is not.

Jack Kuntz, Clayton spoke on the damage on Westbrook Road. We had over 100 houses damaged, 20 totally destroyed. We are doing repairs at the Meadowbrook facility. We waived building permit fees for tornado damage. We spent about two months on debris removal.

Arlene Setzer, Vandalia felt they did not suffer as much. The business district on Poe Avenue sustained more damage Scene 75 and 84 Lumber. Repairs are coming along.

Jack asked Harrison and Trotwood. What impact did it have on the school enrollment? Georgeann answered that it did not have a major impact on Northridge. Ron Vaughn stated that Trotwood offered to send buses out to pick up children (some 250), but we are not aware of how successful they were. Yvette reported that the apartments included many students.

Richard commented that NLC will be making recommendations regarding the economic challenges we have here. How do you recover dollars from FEMA. Our community has been looking at our Disaster Preparedness plan.

Judy asked whether there was any organization that met with those communities hardest hit to meet together to share common problems? Bruce stated that they have met with the County and at Managers and Mayors. Arlene stated that their community was more prepared then the Emergency Management Services. Harrison Township and Trotwood agreed.

Jack asked that each community give a brief presentation on something they have implemented and is working.

Jack Kuntz, Clayton, received a grant to update their comprehensive land use plan (usually done every 15 years). You should include an implementation plan. It gives you a road map on how the comprehensive land use plan will help you. (Montgomery County Land Bank can give you a planning grant). We received \$50,000 and Clayton contributed about \$12,500. Short term, Mid-term and long-term projects by year. Parks, Infrastructure, zoning resolutions. The zoning code must match up with the plan. Signage throughout the community that is reviewed to see that it is consistently the same.

Tom Robillard – City of Kettering. In 2012 we signed a proclamation to participate in the City of Services program. We assembled a team from City staff, every department. Our goal was to assist home owners develop a pride of ownership. We asked organizations to sponsor Block Parties. We organized neighborhood clean-ups, bulk trash pick-ups. Senior resources promoted resources available. We won an award of \$10,000 and received a \$5,000 donation to provide a utility trailer. Businesses and the Optimist, Day Air Credit Union also participate.

Greg – The City of Centerville. Jim Brinegar will do this presentation. Strategic planning. Knowing the documentation needed for a disaster. Our City Manager asked us to create a five-year strategic plan, with five major goals and implementation steps. We focus strongly on the infrastructure – curbs, sidewalks, gutters, catch basins and then resurface. We rate our street system annually. We are repaving about 22 road miles per year. Coordinating with Montgomery County Sewer and Vectren to assure we do each area at the same time.

Richard Shaw – Huber Heights. We had two projects. In 2016 we started the Brandt Pike revitalization. We do not have a downtown. We put \$75,000 into a study and came up with a 15 year plan. It included many variations. The library, the courts, city services, housing - we looked at a mixed-use overlay. The courts will remain where they area. We have the second highest usage in our library – we will have a new library. We have the Rose Music Center, a restaurant and a new hotel. We purchased 52 acres of land and found a developer that wanted to build high-end apartments. We went to a consultant in Chicago to ask what we could do with this land. Have the developer signed up before you spend tax dollars on development. That developer could back out.

Chad Downing – City of Trotwood. We are the Trotwood Community Improvement Corp. We are their local county land bank. We are focusing on developing those empty box stores in the community. The old K Mart and the Beerman Warehouse are now occupied. We are buying the old Sears property giving us control of the entire Salem Mall property. How do we create sustainable living wage jobs?

Jack asked for a motion on the minutes and financial statement. Minutes were approved and the financial report was accepted.

Kevin Monroe – Harrison Township. Northridge School system built a new 265,000 sq. ft. building. The general contractor put a trailer on site where they could come every Wednesday with questions. I became involved with EFTA 3000 standards and EFTA101 certified, allowing the fire department to advise the school what safety steps needed to be included in their building. A school system that does not have a School Resource Officer. Blue Point Security System pushed them forward in the latest systems available. The school system did the research and chose the alert system they wanted. They meet FEMA's homeland security guidelines. These are BLUE pull stations for the police. Each teacher has a lanyard and a computer or phone to create an alert. It interacts with the fire alarm to allow it to activate the doors to stop ingress. We can keep the assailant in one area where he cannot get out. This

system is because the school system cannot afford a Security Resource Officer. The system goes to a central system and a text, email and phone call goes out to the staff, teachers, fire department and police department. There is no audible sound. It provides a map of where the activity giving the SWAT team information.

Trotwood asked if there were any comments about weapons in the school. Kevin responded that one of his school systems have fire arms in locked locations. My job is safety and I am not offering an opinion on firearms.

Once the individual leaves the area where he is, he cannot get back into another area. We are trying to limit his movement for the three to five minutes it takes SWAT to arrive.

Greg asked if anyone had something they wanted to share.

Jack proved the Executive report. Thank you to the City of Trotwood. At the December meeting would like three or four communities to do a panel on School safety. Please call me.

Next month we will be electing officers. Please contact a committee member or myself.

I will be sending out a draft budget in November. Wednesday, November 6th will be the next Executive meeting.

The school report cards came out. I ranked Montgomery County and Springboro, ranking them. School districts are important to the health of our communities. Demographics definitely affect this. Jefferson Township is at the bottom. If we are going to have successful communities we need to find a way to work with our school systems to help them. Dealing with drug problems, attracting jobs paying higher wages, being supportive of churches. Roland stated that we look at other communities that have been successful in making these changes. Judy stated that Pre-school promise was showing itself to be successful.

Motion to adjourn -

Greg seconded.

Approved 12/4/19