

First Suburbs Consortium October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2021
Hosted by Centerville

In attendance were:

REPRESENTATIVES

J. Tim Gorman (Clayton)	Brenda Fry (Riverside)
Georgeann Godsey – Z- (Harrison Twp)	Mark Schwieterman (Kettering)
Willis Serr – Centerville	Yvette Page (Trotwood)
Richard Shaw (Huber Heights)	Rick Barnhart (West Carrollton)
Bruce Duke (Kettering)	Bill Lautar (Kettering)
Norbert Klopsch – Z- (Oakwood)	OTHER
Steve Byington – Z- (Oakwood)	Jack Jensen, Executive Director
Leigh Turben – Z- (Oakwood)	Judy Cook, Chair Emeritus
	Jay Weiskircher (Mayors/Mgrs./MVCC)
	Joshua Rauch (Riverside City Manager)
	Gary Burkholder (Riverside Community)

Bill Serr thanked everyone who came to the meeting as well as those on Zoom.

A motion was made by Bruce Duke and seconded by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes for June – Approved.

Rick Barnhart gave the Treasurers report showing a balance of \$26685.00 at the end of August. September shows a balance of \$32,556.02 with four checks pending for the conference. Richard Shaw made a motion and Bill Lauter seconded acceptance of the report. – Accepted.

A discussion on the Talent Attraction and Retention conference followed.

Jack Jensen shared that after receiving the grant, we collected data from the community. A final report is being presented at the National League of Cities conference. He thanked the Committee that spent the summer working on this, especially Bruce who raised money for the conference. Willis was the MC at the conference, starting precisely on time, ending early. Thank you to representatives who helped as well.

We were able to stay within our budget, ending with \$6,000 in sponsor fees, \$2,765 in registration fees. We raised almost \$9,000. The cost \$9,141 left us with a net expense of \$375.95.

We have some 22 folks that are part of a Think Tank group to move this forward. As we go forward we need to include the Manufacturer’s Association.

Bill invited our host city of Riverside to share what is happening in their city. John Rauch, City Manager for Riverside. Mr. Burkholder shared that a new Kroger will replace the abandoned K-Mart on Woodman; Flying Ace Car Wash is another addition and Circle K is under construction. They have hired Colliers International as their leasing and management agent.

Communities shared any programs they have with regard to Talent Attraction. Sinclair programs, the ED/GE program, workforce housing, meeting with businesses, as well as the schools, making your community attractive through parks, or free concerts, bringing the trades back into the high school, a business incubator, promoting our clean water and

low cost of living. Collaboration with Sinclair for health programs for the hospitals and nursing homes. Partnering with the career center to offer the trades.

Bruce offered the following example from the conference – Grand Rapids Michigan. Hello West Michigan. Bill suggested that we need to determine how to move forward.

Yvette Page shared that she was pleased at the direction we were going and felt this was a worthwhile endeavor.

Bill appointed the following nominating committee: Tim Gorman, Yvette Page and Bill Lauter.

Jack thanked the City of Riverside for hosting this meeting. He will have a 2022 budget prepared and sent out by November 19th.

Tim Gorman moved and Bruce Duke seconded a motion to adjourn – Adjourned.

Executive Committee meeting on November 10 at 4:30.

NEXT MEETING: December 1st in Centerville

Approved: December 1, 2021