



HAMILTON COUNTY  
**First  
Suburbs  
Consortium**

# Executive Committee Meeting

October 6, 2014  
8:30 AM  
Deer Park-Silverton Fire Station

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## Meeting Summary

### AGENDA

1. Ohio First Suburbs Conference Call  
937-340-2720
2. Officer candidates: who to ask, who will ask them
3. Regional Trails Agreement: decision on whether to support and promote
4. Discussion of Planning Commissioners Training Program
5. Website refresh: What do we want to promote about First Suburbs? What function does the website have? What is First Suburbs on-line role?
6. Adjourn

### OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONFERENCE CALL

#### Important topics to discuss

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- State cuts to various local government revenue and how to deal with it -- keeping what we have and keeping Columbus out of our pockets
- How to fight against Kasich administration agenda of continuing reductions to local government funding
- Putting together a united front of what First Suburbs across Ohio need most
- Focus on politicians running for office -- the ones there already are not sympathetic to our needs
- Do we need a guest speaker? No, not really. Let's focus our time on putting together our overall agenda
- School system funding -- too big to chew on?
- Attendees/Invitations: executive boards, don't need entire membership
- When: sometime after new electeds are sworn in

#### Call-In Notes

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Jack Jensen - Dayton

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Rap: Trotville/Dayton

Jen Kuzma - Cleveland

Mike Summers - Lakewood

Toledo: not very active lately, trying with little success to get something rolling

Columbus: also dormant, some personnel changes, will send around list of cities that used to be involved

Dan: giving an overview of the topics we discussed earlier that we think are important to cover as a group

- themes
- relationships with newly electeds, introducing ourselves
- starting to organize a spring event
- old position papers from six-seven years ago should be revisited, probably more pressing today than when we wrote them originally

We've worked through a lot of strategies previously, maybe we simply need to stay with them and pound away at them -- not much has changed even considering the Recession

What infrastructure policies need improvement How can we improve internal and external communications within and without first suburbs organization

Facilitating/logistics: need to ensure that everything is well-recorded so we don't spin our wheels or miss anything

*Location options:*

- Bexley, Deeds mansion
- local university somewhere

*When:*

post-election (for our planning group, November 13 is possibility 10:00 - 2:00)

post-swearing in, so new people have their feet under them

OFFICER CANDIDATES

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- All seven ExCom spots are filled
- Jenny OK with Treasurer
- Dan would like to step down from Chair
- John: unknown if he wants to remain as Chair/V-Chair don't need to have a mayor in officer position -- could be useful to spread the leadership responsibilities around
- need to have more ExCom members here to really discuss this in depth

RTA

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We've endorsed it, we'll sign a copy at next ExCom

## PLANNING COMMISSIONER TRAINING

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- there are lots of people out there who haven't done any training
- Bill Doehring thought the last round of them were great
- Generally good experiences among our members from previous training classes, open to new ideas and topics
- Dynamic, in-touch speakers critical
- The people who will attend are those who care

## WEBSITE

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- more "press releases" that track progress toward things, what we've worked on, who we're meeting with, etc.
- copies of documents, meeting notes, correspondence, etc.
- update demographics, maps, membership lists