



# Executive Committee

May 7, 2012  
8:30 AM–10:00 AM  
Deer Park – Silverton Fire District  
7050 Blue Ash Road

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## Meeting Summary

Attending: Gerri Harbison, Jim O'Reilly, Mark Weber, Paul Brehm, Catalina Landivar, Andy Dobson, Al Porter (HCCA), David Horine (HCAA)

### 1. Review of meeting notes

Andy highlighted some events from the previous executive committee meeting. We still have an available opening on the Executive Committee, and Amy Bancroft from North College Hill may be interested in serving as a member. Andy asked if one of the committee could follow-up with Amy. Tom Moeller was to contact Bill Doering with Amberley Village, but was not here today to tell us what happened.

Andy is nearly finished with our updated member roster and Census demographic summary. Jim O'Reilly has received a few more checks from member communities. He and Andy will coordinate to finalize our membership list.

Gerri and others asked if the committee and membership could receive notices of Board of Commissioners agendas and RPC agendas. Andy has been reviewing them over the last month for any interesting items, but will also forward them along to member communities. This will help everyone keep up-to-date with development and legislative events at the County level.

### 2. Update on hydro-fracking

Andy and Catalina updated everyone on the Planning Partnership Executive Committee and Program Committee meetings last month regarding this issue. The consensus is, while this issue is important and has tremendous long-term consequences for Ohio and communities directly affected by it, Hamilton County is not being impacted right now and we need to wait and see what happens. The economic, legal, and environmental issues are very complex and need to be sorted out, and Mark Weber stated that these all need to be understood thoroughly before First Suburbs takes any sort of position on hydro-fracking (if indeed we take any position at all).

Jim O'Reilly added his understanding and background of the issue from his position with OKI. Eastern Ohio is directly affected by the wells and extraction operations while Western Ohio may have to receive the wastes and byproducts. Legislatively, there is not much communities can do

other than watch carefully for any public notices of well proposals. Joanne Gerson has taken on this challenge and is keeping communities informed.

We have to wait and see what happens.

### 3. Sustainable Community Workshop review

Andy provided summary notes from the first sustainability workshop. Everyone who attended said it was very interesting and worthwhile. Catalina requested that First Suburbs send a letter out to its membership inviting representatives to attend the next session on June 1. Andy will take care of this mailing

### 4. Hamilton County Clermont Cooperative Boards of Education (HCCA)

Al Porter and Dave Horine came to talk about HCCA and the IT infrastructure and administration services they provide. They also presented at the Shared Services Summit earlier this year. Andy and T. J. White from Center for Local Government contacted Al and Dave to follow-up with First Suburbs and possibly create some new partnerships. Montgomery and Wyoming are already working with HCCA along with their local school districts.

HCAA provides IT services primarily for public school districts but more recently has branched into doing the same for local governments. Essentially, they take over the network maintenance and software administration functions as well as providing all the necessary IT hardware and servers. Organizations working with HCAA lease space on their servers and network and no longer have to worry about upgrading and maintaining their own hardware. Likewise, HCAA has software developers and engineers on staff to develop custom applications and provide update and support to its customers.

They work with hundreds of schools across their service area to control costs and improve services. The personnel and expertise they bring mean that schools and other organizations can accomplish things that would never have been possible with limited staff and resources of smaller organizations. They are very interested in working more with local governments.

Everyone agreed that this topic is worth discussing further and we should arrange a membership meeting around it. Andy will work with HCAA, Montgomery, and Wyoming on a presentation. The meeting will be held at Meier's Winery, and will be scheduled depending on their availability.

### 5. Other Business

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 8:30 AM.

### 6. Adjourn