



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE**  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026—10:00 A.M.**

**Committee Members**

Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair | Dist. 10  
Pernel Jones, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 8  
Patrick Kelly | Dist. 1  
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6  
Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Houser asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Houser, Jones, Kelly and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon arrived after the roll call was taken.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Houser, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026 meeting.**

**[Clerk's Note: Item No. 6.a) was taken out of order and was heard before Item No. 5.a)]**

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0063: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities and agencies in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,124,500.00 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2026 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program for the period 2/1/2026 – 3/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- i) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00 for Upgrade Ellenwood Recreation Center's Fire Alarm System & Install New Fire Suppression System for Commercial Kitchen.
  - ii) City of Bedford Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Renovation of "Fun Town" Playground.

- iii) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Jason Malone Park Pickleball Courts Project.
- iv) City of Brecksville in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Public Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project.
- v) City of Brooklyn in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
- vi) City of Cleveland Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Tot Playground at Denison Park.
- vii) City of Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Restore 21129 North St. as a Library/Storage of Euclid Historical Society's Archives.
- viii) City of Fairview Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for W. 210th St. Resurfacing and Rehabilitation.
- ix) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
- x) City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Renovation of Two Futsal Courts in Madison Park.
- xi) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
- xii) City of Middleburg Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA Compliant Playground Equipment.
- xiii) City of Parma Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Repair & Resurfacing Tennis & Pickleball Courts at Town Center Greenbrier Commons.
- xiv) City of Richmond Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Community Park Tennis & Pickleball Court Renewal Project.
- xv) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for New Playground Equipment at Green Road Park.
- xvi) Cleveland Cultural Gardens in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 for One-World Day.
- xvii) Cleveland Neighborhood Progress in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Lighting & Façade Improvement at Shaker Square.

- xviii) Northwest Neighborhoods CDC in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Technology Upgrade to Capital Theatre Main Auditorium.
- xix) Oakwood Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for First Place Pavement Improvement Project, Phase 2.
- xx) One South Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Senior Landscaping & Snow Removal Program.
- xxi) Village of Highland Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for HVAC System at Village Hall.
- xxii) Village of North Randall in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Housing Rehabilitation and Preservation Program.
- xxiii) Woodmere Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$49,500.00 for ADA Entrance Ramp to Building Department.

**Ms. Kellie Glenn, Administrator of Development, for the Department of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0063. Discussion ensued. Committee members asked questions of Ms. Glenn pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0063 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading. Committee members Jones, Schleper, Kelly, Houser and Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

## 6. PRESENTATION

- a) Update Office of Violence Prevention Six-Month Impact Report: An overview of engagement activities, partnerships, and progress to date. –

Myesha Watkins, Administrator, Office of Violence Prevention, Public Safety and Justice Services

**Ms. Myesha Watkins, Administrator, Office of Violence Prevention, Public Safety and Justice Services, addressed the Committee and gave an update on the creation of a new partnership with the National Basketball Social Justice Coalition; collaboration with hospitals, law enforcement, faith leaders and grass roots organizations; creation of Internship opportunities; launch of the Stop the Violence Pledge; hosted a national training at the Cleveland Foundation with the ROCA Impact Institute; moderated a conversation at the City Club of Cleveland regarding the Omaha 360 Model; collected over 100 gun locks and 40 gun storage boxes from police departments throughout Cuyahoga County and the Academy of Medicine; partnering with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to create safe firearm training in 12 communities; did an Opinion Article for Crains of Cleveland regarding investing in communities to reduce violence; the Office of Violence and Prevention received a National Award for the establishment of the inaugural Office. Ms. Watkins announced that she will be traveling to New York to speak at the**

**Northwell Gun Violence Prevention Forum; partnering with the P. League to host the first annual Office of Violence Prevention Celebrity Basketball game event on Saturday, March 28, to engage community through positive connections. The Office will be expanding community training opportunities; strengthening data informed prevention strategies; increasing safe storage education and distribution; supporting youth opportunities pathways and continuing countywide engagement to ensure communities are included.**

**7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Houser adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m., without objection.**