CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026—10:00 A.M.

Committee Members

Patrick Kelly, Chair | Dist. 1

Meredith M. Turner, Vice Chair | Dist. 9

Michael J. Gallagher | Dist. 5

Dale Miller | Dist. 2

Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Kelly, Turner, Gallagher, Miller and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Schleper was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the Committee members and expressed her support for the Park Synagogue Project.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

   a) R2025-0360: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Loan in an amount not-to-exceed $2,000,000.00 to Friends of Mendelsohn to assist with funding project costs of a historic restoration and adaptive reuse of 75,000 square feet of space in the Park Synagogue located at 3300 Mayfield Road, in the City of Cleveland Heights; authorizing the County Executive and/or the Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0360. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Nick Fedor, Senior Development Finance Analyst for the Department of Development, addressed the Committee and gave a presentation regarding the project program; the Economic Development rationale for the County loan and recoverable grant; project sources and uses; debt service terms and collateral analysis for the Park Synagogue Historic Renovation Project.

Mr. Ben Ezinga, Principle and Chief Financial Officer of Sustainable Community Associates, the developer for the Project, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0360. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Herdeg, Mr. Fedor and Mr. Ezinga pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Chair Kelly introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2025-0360. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0360 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

Committee members Simon, Miller, Turner, Gallagher and Kelly requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m., without objection.