



## **MINUTES**

### **CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**3:00 PM**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.**

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Jones and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Stephens and Schron were absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.**

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 3, 2024 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting.**

#### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2024-0143: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) for the Empowering the Future Program from the District 9

ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Linda Kimble, Executive Director of Cleveland Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program; and Ms. Chante Thomas, author and educator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0143. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Kimble and Ms. Thomas pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0143. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0143 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.**

- b) R2024-0172: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Case Western Reserve University for the National Youth Sports Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Dennis Harris, Director of the National Youth Sports Program at Case Western Reserve University; and Ms. Monique Olowu, Assistant Director of the National Youth Sports Program, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0172. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Harris and Ms. Olowu pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0172 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

- c) R2024-0173: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Literacy Cooperative for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Bob Paponetti, President & CEO of The Literacy Cooperative; and Dr. David Margolius, Director of Public Health for the City of Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0173. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Paponetti and Dr. Margolius pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0173 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- d) R2024-0178: A Resolution making an award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 6/30/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; Ms. Kittie Warshawsky, Chief External Affairs Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Bob Durham, Chief Scholarship Services Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0178. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. McAleer, Ms. Warshawsky and Mr. Durham pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0178 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- e) R2024-0195: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas adjacent to Euclid Beach Park in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Alison Ball, Planning Initiatives Specialist, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0195 and requested that the legislation be withdrawn.**

**There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2024-0195.**

- f) R2024-0196: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Watershed Divide Conservation Initiative in the Cities of Broadview Heights and Brecksville; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of the West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0196. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Schafer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0196 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

#### **6. PRESENTATION**

- a) Update from College Now Greater Cleveland

**Ms. Warshawsky and Mr. Durham provided the Committee with an update on a report prepared by College Now Greater Cleveland. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Warshawsky and Mr. Durham, pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

#### **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m., without objection.**

