



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023  
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 3:10 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

**In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Jones appointed Mr. Miller as a Member Pro Tem of the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5, 2023 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Ms. Cowell, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 meeting.**

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

- a) R2023-0097: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to The Literacy Cooperative for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Robert Paponetti, President and CEO of The Literacy Cooperative of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0097. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Paponetti pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2023-0097.**

- b) R2023-0098: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$40,000, to Family First Childcare d.b.a. Family First Village for the GEDworks Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Dr. Michele Clark, Founder of Family First Village; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0098. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Dr. Clark pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Dominic Currence, student, addressed the Committee regarding his experiences utilizing the services at Family First Village. Discussion ensued.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2023-0098 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, with Ms. Conwell recusing herself from the vote.**

**Mr. Jones, Mr. Miller and Ms. Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- c) R2023-0100: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$75,000, to the West Creek Conservancy for the acquisition and conservation of 15 acres of headwater habitat of the Chippewa Creek watershed from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**[Clerk's Note: Resolution No.R2023-0100 was taken out of order and considered prior to Resolution No. R2023-0098.]**

**Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0100.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones Resolution No. R2023-0100 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m., without objection.**